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MINUTES.

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Upon motion, J. T. Bland was made temporary Moderator and C. D. Weeks temporatory Clerk.

On motion, the delegates present were requested to bring forward letters of dismission from the Eastern Association: Burgaw, Tar Landing, Southside, Jacksonville, Barlow's Chapel, Willard, Haw Bluff, Long Creek, Wilmington, Salem, Moore's Creek, Olivet, Caswell, Masonboro, Caintuck Chapel, Brooklyn, Bethlehem, Riley's Creek, Berea, Emma's Chapel.

Upon motion, the following churches, which had not been dismissed from the Eastern Association, were permitted to participate in the organization and become members of the new organization: Shiloh, Delgado, Teacheys, Mount Holly, Catherine Lake, Blackwell's Chapel.

The roll of churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows;

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Bethlehem—D. P. Bland. A. S. Pridgen, W. C. Keith.
Berea—D. H. Murray, T. W. Stallings.
Blackwell's Chapel—F. J. Dempsey.
Burgaw—J. C. Carroll, J. D. Hocutt, M. C. Walton J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—J. J. Payseur, D. L. Gore.
Caswell—Wm. Malpass, A. B. Rooks.

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Catherine's Lake—N. A. Shelley.
Delgado.
Emma's Chapel—F. D. Shaw.
Haw Bluff—L. C. Boswell, J. B. Barnhill.
Jacksonville—W. P. Kelley.
Long Creek—W. S. Pigford, G. A. Herring, J. H. Brinson.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett, J. P. Herring.
Moore's Creek—R. H. Hewlett, pastor.
Mt. Holly—A. W. Garris, A. T. Rooks, I. Carroll.
Olive Branch.
Olivet—J. B. Blake, W. H. Shepard.
Riley's Creek—J. B. Scott, S. W. Rayner, G. W. Walker.
Shiloh—W. T. Moore, M. Kenan, H. A. Bland.
Salem—Benj. Ward.
Southside—R. H. Herring, J. S. Canady, R. B. Moore.
Tar Landing—D. M. Page, Willie Wilson.
Teachey—M. W. Teachey, A. E. Croom.
Willard—O. W. Triplett, pastor.
Wilmington—C. S. Blackwell, C. D. Weeks.

Upon motion, the Chair appointed C. S. Blackwell, D. L. Gore and W C. Keith a committee on formation of Constitution and Rules of Order.

Recess was then taken for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Committee on Constitution and Rules of Order report and recommend the adoption of the Constitution and Rules of Order hereinbefore set out. Report adopted.

On motion, the Chair appointed a committee on nomination of permanent officers, consisting of D. L. Gore, D. N. Page, D. J. Corbett, Sr.

The committee report nominations of permanent officers as follows :

For Moderator, J. T. Bland ; for Vice Moderator, J. J. Payseur ; for Clerk, C. D. Weeks ; for Treasurer,

R. S. Atkinson, all of whom were unanimously elected.

On motion, the Moderator appointed M. C. Walton, J. J. Payseur, N. A. Shelly a committee on nomination of the Executive Committee.

Committee reports nominations for Executive Committee : D. L Gore, D. N. Page, J. D. Hocutt, D. J. Corbett, Sr., H. A. Bland, who were unanimously elected by the Association.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following Committees on Permanent Work :

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEES.

Home Missions—Dr. C. S. Blackwell, M. W. Teachey, A. B. Rooks.

Foreign Missions—J. J. Payseur, W. C. Peterson, J. P. Herring.

State Missions—R. H Hewlett, N. A. Shelley, D. L. Gore.

Ministerial Relief—M. C. Walton, Daniel Page, Isaiah Carroll.

Ministerial Education—Rev. R. H. Herring, N. R. Croom, L. C. Boswell.

Temperance—Rev. B. Ward, Willie Herring, W. C. Keith.

Orphanage—E. Z. Milton, W. J. Hollingsworth, A. T. Herring.

Obituaries—D. J. Corbett, F. J. Dempsey, R. T. Rivenbark.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. D. Hocutt, R. H. Hewlett, S. G. Hall.

Sunday Schools—J. S. Canady, D. J. Corbett, C. D. Weeks.

Upon motion, the Chair appoints a committee to select a place of meeting for the next session of the Association, and to select preachers for the Introductory and Missionary Sermons.

Committee : R. H Herring, W. W. Teachey, R. B. Moore.

The committee reports :

Introductory sermon, C. S. Blackwell.

Missionary Sermon, M. C. Walton.

Place of meeting, Long Creek Church,

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention, R. H. Herring.

Upon motion, the report was adopted.

By motion, a collection was taken for Associational Missions, resulting in a contribution of $7.69.

The organization having been effected and the business of the session completed, the Benediction was pronounced and the first session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with Long Creek Baptist Church on Wednesday, after the first Lord's day in November, 1902.

J. T. BLAND, Mederator.
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[For Statistics see Minutes of the Eastern Association, 1901.]

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETINGS.
Barlow's Chapel—M. C. Walton, Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson. Sloop Point	1st Sunday.
Berea—Vanholt Cavenaugh.	Joe Brooks. Wallace	3rd Sunday.
Bethlehem—R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. C. Keith, Keith.	1st Sunday.
Blackwells Chapel		
Burgaw—M. C. Walton Burgaw.	J. D. Hocutt, Ashton.	3rd Sunday.
Brooklyn—J. J. Payseur, Wilmington	A. W. Allen, Wilmington	Twice a Sund'y
Caintuck Chapel—R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington.	D. J. Corbett, Natmore	2nd Sunday.
Caswell—R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake—N. A. Shelley, Catherine Lake	J. Marshburn, Catherine Lake	4th Sunday.
Castle Hayne.		
Delgado		
Emma Chapel—N. A. Shelley, Catherine Lake	A. B. Cox. Richlands	1st Sunday.
Haw Bluff—J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	J. L. Boswell, Colly	3rd Sunday.
Jacksonville—C. P. Paul, Swansboro.	R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	3rd Sunday.
Long Creek—O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	L. F. Johnson, Daughton	1st Sunday.
Masonboro—J. A. Smith, Fair Bluff	Add Hewlett, Wilmington	4th Sunday.
Moore's Creek—R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Holly—O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	I. Carroll, South Washington	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch.	Mrs. Vic. Williamson, Wilmington	4th Sunday.
Olivet—Benj. Ward, Marines	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Point	
Riley's Creek—M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D Mahn, Rocky Point	
Shiloh—O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	3rd Sunday.
South Side—R. H. Herring, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each S.
Salem—Benj. Ward, Marine	E. Q. Capps, Sneed's Ferry	3rd Sunday.
Tar Landing—N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N. Page, Tar Landing	4th Sunday.
Teachey's—N. B. Cobb Clear Run	B P. Teachey, Teachey's	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington—C. S. Blackwell, Wilmington	E. S. Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice each S
Willard—O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	W. F. Bowen, Willard.	4th Sunday.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions.	Orphan'g.	Educati'n	Ministers' Relief.	Sunday School & Young People.	Total.
Barlow's Chapel	10 00	5 00	10 00	5 00	....	5 00	5 00	40 00
Berea	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blackwell's Chapel	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	5 00
Bethlehem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw	10 00	2 00	25 00	5 00	1 50	2 00	.....	45 50
Brooklyn	25 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	90 00
Caintuck Chapel	10 00	3 00	15 00	5 00	3 00	3 00	.....	39 00
Caswell	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catherine Lake	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	.....	1 00	11 00
Castle Haynes	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Delgado	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	14 00
Haw Bluff	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	11 00	1 00	7 00
Jacksonville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	7 00
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Riley's Creek	2 50	2 50	1 00	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	9 50
Shiloh	2 00	1 00	10 00	2 50	.....	.....	1 00	16 50
Southside	40 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	.....	5 00	5 00	105 00
Salem	5 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	8 00
Tar Landing	25	25	25	25	.....	.....	25	1 25
Teachey's	2 50	2 00	1 00	2 00	3 00	2 00	.....	12 50
Wilmington	75 00	37 50	37 50	50 00	....	5 00	.....	205 00
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Rev. J. A. Smith preached the Introductory Sermon, after which a recess was taken for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30.

The Moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of Brethren N. R. Croom, J. W. Wheeler and J. A. Blanchard, and the roll of Churches was then called and the delegates enrolled as follows:

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Berea—D. H. Murray, T. W. Stalling.
Blackwell's Chapel—C. C. Potter, J. W. Wheeler.
Burgaw—J. A. Blanchard, J. T. Bland, Robert Batts.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman, D. L. Gore, H. L. Peterson.
Caswell—Wm. Malpass, A. B. Rooks.
Caintuck Chapel—By Letter.
Catherine Lake—N. A. Shelly, J. Marshburn.
Delgado—J. W. Wheeler.
Emma's Chapel—J. B. Cavenaugh, Loyd Scott.
Haw Bluff—J. B. Barnhill.
Jacksonville—By Letter.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, D. S. Bell, A. D. Bordeaux.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett, Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—N. R. Croom, Eugene Conkeil.
Mount Holly—Isaiah Carroll.
Olive Branch—Thomas K. Woody, E. R. Rhew.
Olivet—Benj. Ward, S. A. McAlister, F. C. Sheperd.
Providence—J. R. Marshall.
Riley's Creek—W. W. Larkins, Robert Barnhill, D. W. Walker.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland, C. C. Woodcock.
Salem—Benj. Ward.
Southside—C. B. Paul, L. Bryant, J. W. Bryant.
Tar Landing—D. N. Page, Henry King.
Teachey's—By Letter.
Willard—A. Turner.

Wilmington—C. S. Blackwell, J. R. Marshal, C. D. Weeks.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.

On motion letter from Bethlehem Church was laid on the table.

On motion the Association dispensed with the reading of Church Letters for the present.

By motion rules were suspended and Secretary cast ballot of Association for J. T. Bland as Moderator; J. J. Payseur, Vice-Moderator; Addison Hewlett as Clerk, and R. S. Atkinson as Treasurer of Association.

Letters asking admission into the Association were read from Well's Chapel, Providence and Colvin's Creek, all of which were admitted.

Motion carried to suspend the rules and hear report on State Missions, whereupon R. H. Hewlett submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

State Missions lies at the foundation of all our work. It is the base of supplies on which we are to draw, the invested capital on which we operate. Every dollar put into State Missions this year will be paid back into our denominational treasury, and besides a good per cent on the investment. Every mission station which grows into a self-sustaining church adds to our denominational strength.

At least three-fourths of the money contributed to the objects of our Convention comes from Churches, which were aided at sometime in their history, by the State Mission Board.

But there is a more important consideration in regard to the work of State Missions. The gospel is preached in destitute sections, where it could not be preached without the aid of the Board. On these destitute fields precious souls are won to Christ year by year. Last year two thousand conversions were reported by the missionaries of our Board; this year even greater results are expected.

We are operating this year on a basis of $25,000. We have a hundred missionaries at work in several sections of the State. The Board could use twice as much money as it now has at its disposal, and not misappropriate a penny, for twice as many missionaries as are now employed could not supply the destitution in the State.

R. H. HEWLETT,
N. A. SHELLEY,
D. L. GORE,
Committee.

Motion to adopt report.

Brother L. Johnston, Secretary of State Missions, spoke to the report.

Cash collection, amounting to $3.38, was taken and turned over to Brother Johnston.

Motion to postpone further consideration of report until to-morrow. Carried.

On motion by D. L. Gore, business was suspended that Brother J. D. Hunter might address the body on education.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report:

Devotional exercises will be conducted to-morrow morning by Rev. J. W. Wheeler at 9.30 o'clock.

Rev. J. L. Vipperman will preach at the stand in the afternoon.
Benediction by Brother Bryant.
Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by Brother J. W. Wheeler.

At 10 A. M. the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Roll was called and letters from churches not represented first day were brought forward.

Brethren L. R. Highsmith and Vanhoit were appointed Reading Clerks and letters were read.

Brethren Isaiah Carroll. R. H. Hewlett and C C. Woodcock were appointed Committee on Time and Place.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed by the Moderator: J. W. Cobb in the interest of the Biblical Recorder, S. F. Conrad for the North Carolina Baptist, and Brother Vanhoit from the Eastern Association.

On motion the report on State Missions was again taken up and D. L. Gore submitted and read the report of Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Exeoutive Committee, beg leave to report that we sent Bro. J. D. Hocutt, one of our Committee, over the Onslow field to reconnoitre the situation. He made an exhaustive report concerning the matter, which was read before the Union meeting at Willard, and discussed pro. and con, and the following plan proposed:

(1)—That we will, in so far as we can, supply the destitution within our own bounds, in harmony and co-operation with the Board of Missions and Sunday Schools of the Baptist State Convention, as set forth by Article 9 of our Constitution.

(2)—That the mission work thus inaugurated we will call the Associational Mission Work of the Wilmington Association, in order to distinguish it from the general mission work of our State Convention, known as State Missions, thereby saving confusion in our work, especially in collecting and disbursing, by our Churches of Mission funds.

(3)--That we will ask the Churches at the Association to make pledges to the support of this work.

(4)—That we will ask the Churches thus pledging to redeem the same by taking their collections at regular intervals during the year and forward the same to our Treasurer, Bro. R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point, N C.

(5)—That in starting this work we will undertake the first year to sustain the work among the Churches in Onslow County, viz: Jacksonville, Tar Landing, Catherine Lake, Richlands and Maple Hill, including what the missionary can raise on the field, to the amount of $600.00. Also, that we will put the Colporter in the field to work at large in the Association, at a salary, including what he can make by the sale of books and other literature, of $40 00 per month.

(6)—That if at the Association our Churches do not pledge enough to support the work thus outlined, we will ask our Board of State Missions at Raleigh to supplement the same with a sufficient amount to do this work.

(7)—That we will make an annual report in full of our work, in-

cluding collections and disbursements of funds, and the amount of work done by the missionary and Colporteur on the field, to the Association as is also required by Article 9 of our Constitution, that the same may enter into the general statistics of the denomination.

We have nothing more to add. except we think the Onslow field will pay its pastor as much as three hundred dollars, and that while we think the Colporteurs should sell the books and tracts at about cost we think he could collect as much as eighty dollars on his field, so that would leave us about seven hundred dollars for the balance of the Association to raise. We hereby ask the Churches to pledge their proportionate part of this amount, and pay the same monthly to the Treasurer of the Association. As for the men suitable for the work, we have been casting about and have about centered on the men.

Before closing we wish to commend Brother N. A. Shelly for his faithful services on a portion of the Onslow field this year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. GORE,
Chairman of Committee.

Pending the adoption of the report Brethrens D, L. Gore, Vanhoit, N. A. Shelly, B. Ward, C. B. Paul, J. D. Hocutt, C. S. Blackwell, M. C. Walton, R. H. Hewlett and J. A. Smith spoke to report.

Association adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled, Moderator in the chair.

The report of the Executive Committee was again taken up. Motion carried that the roll of Churches be called and pledges taken for the work prescribed by the Executive Committee. The roll having been called and the amounts pledged found to be insufficient, motion was made that the Executive Committee apportion the required amount to the Churches.

This report and also the report on State Missions were then adopted.

Committee on Time and Place report:

The next session of the Association will be held at Bethlehem Church, Pender County, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1903.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. J. L. Vipperman.

Missionary Sermon—Dr. C. S. Blackwell.

R. H. HEWLETT, for Committee.

Report adopted.

Report on Orphanage submitted and read by W. J. Hollingsworth.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage commenced operations the first of November, 1884,—eighteen years ago. The plant now consists of nineteen brick buildings and three good wooden buildings besides the barn and stables. The farm contains 350 acres of land. We have on it six head of mules and horses, about twenty-five head of cattle and a moderate sized stock of hogs. The plant is easily worth $50,000.

In the General Manager's annual report for 1901 the statement was made that during the past six years we have added to our plant improvements to the amount of $25,000. Since that time at least $3,000 has been added. Of the above named buildings, six are dormitories, four of these each having dining and cook rooms attached. In each of

these dormitories there is a teacher and a matron, which makes twelve employees.

Since the Orphanage was established in 1884 there have been 721 orphans admitted. There are present to day 209, which shows that about five hundred have gone out from the Institution. Many of these have taken good and honorable positions. But with all that we have not met the demands, and the cry has been all the while for more room. We have a building now about ready to be occupied; that, however, has been delayed from one cause and another for several months, during which time an accumulation of fifty or more applications have occurred. We have enough applications to-day to fill the new building, and they still come. A distressing situation is constantly before us of a number of worthy applications that we cannot take for lack of room.

We recommend to our Sunday Schools the plan of taking one collection each month for the Orphanage, and call attention to the favorable terms upon which "Charity and Children" may be obtained in clubs of ten or more. We urge that our Churches increase their contributions to this worthy object of our love and care, in view of the greater work before the institution.

W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH,
A. T HERRING,
E. Z. MILTON. } Committee.

Report adopted.

The report on Ministerial Relief was submitted and read by M. C. Walton.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee beg leave to report that there are those who have worn themselves out preaching the gospel. We are not prepared to give the number of preachers who are now receiving help from this source; but we do know that the need of this work is great. Therefore we earnestly request the pastors of this Association to ask their Churches for at least one collection during the year for this important cause.

M. C. WALTON,
D. N. PAGE,
ISAIAH CARROLL. } Committee.

Moderator appointed Brethren G. A. Herring, A. B. Rooks and Isaiah Carroll a Committee to nominate Executive Committee and State Representatives.

The Association adjourned till 9.30 Friday.

S. F. Conrad pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by C. B. Paul, after which Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of Churches called and minutes of previous day read and approved.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In recognition of the transcendent importance of Ministerial Education be it therefore Resolved,

(1) That we thank God for their high calling and heroic services.

(2) That we re-affirm our loyalty toward our beloved Wake Forest College and urge our people to support liberally this great College.

(3) That we recognize the worthiness of the pure and God-called man of a liberal and benevolent consideration.

(4) That we emphasize the transcendent importance of Ministerial Education in all our Churches.

(5) That we pray the Lord to send more laborers into His vineyard.

J. L. VIPPERMAN,
N. R. CROOM. } Committee.

Brethren Paul and Bryant spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee report.

For Executive Committee of the Wilmington Association: D. L. Gore, D. J. Corbett. J. D. Hocutt, H. A. Bland, D. N. Page.

ISAIAH CARROLL, for Committee.

Report adopted.

Moderator appointed J. L. Vipperman, C. B. Paul and R. H. Hewlett Associational Delegates to the State Convention.

Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees :

Home Missions—R. H. Hewlett. S. C. McAllister, J. B. Barnhill.

Foreign Missions –C. S. Blackwell, A. L. Pridgen, A. T. Herring.

State Missions—J.. L Vipperman, J. D. Hocutt, S. Blossom.

Ministerial Education—C. B. Paul, I. Carroll. J. A. Blanchard.

Ministerial Relief—M. C. Walton, G. A. Herring, H. A. Bland.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. J. Payseur. J. D. Hocutt, George W. Walker.

Orphanage—J, R. Marshall, W. C. Keith, A. B. Rooks.

Temperance—Benj. Ward, H. L. Peterson, F. C. Shepard.

Sunday Schools—R. H. Hewlett. C B. Paul, J. S. Canady.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in May, 1845. and is located in Richmond, Va.

The purpose of the Board is to devise ways and means by which the blessed Gospel of the Son of God might be given to all the world. We have now on foreign mission fields about 300 missionaries. of which about 175 are native assistants. Our missionaries are doing work in Italy, Mexico, Brazil. China, Africa and Japan. We have about 140 Churches on foreign fields, with a membership of about eight thousand, besides 41 day schools with 1,012 scholars and 65 Sunday Schools with 2,512 scholars. We would suggest that we by no means fail to sustain loyalty to our Foreign Mission work. We would heartily recommend our Foreign Mission Journal.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, for Committee.

J. L. Vipperman and Bryant spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by Dr. Blackwell.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions would report that in view of the vast field of the Home Board's operation we would most heartily recom-

mend it to every church for a liberal collection. It is bounded on the North by the Mason and Dixon line, on the West by the Indian Territory and the Rio Grande; on the South by the Gulf of Mexico and on the East by the Atlantic Ocean, and the northern half of Cuba thrown in.

On this field we support above 700 men, who baptized last year 11,400 persons. Texas alone needs every dollar of the $90,000 contributed last year. So far this year North Carolina has sent up only $7,000; only about four cents a piece from each of us. How much has your Church given?

C. S. BLACKWELL,
A B. ROOKS,
M W. TEACHEY.
Committee.

Dr. Blackwell spoke to report.

Report adopted.

R. H. Hewlett submitted and read the report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Whereas, we believe by experience that the Sunday School is the nursery of the Church, and that God's word enjoins upon us to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; therefore we believe that we are under obligations both to God and to them to earnestly engage in this work.

And we do earnestly beg that the parents of this Association will see to it that not only their children but they themselves attend to this their Christian duty.

We ask that this Association appoint a Committee to arrange for a Sunday School Institute to be held some time during the next spring.

R. H. HEWLETT,
C. B. PAUL.
Committee.

Brethren Vanhoit, C. S. Blackwell, C. B. Paul and J. A. Smith spoke to report.

Report adopted.

Motion by Dr. Blackwell that the Committee on Sunday Schools be continued and that they be instructed to arrange for a Sunday School Institute to be held at some place, sometime during the Spring of the ensuing year.

At noon business of the Association was suspended and a sermon was preached by Dr. Blackwell, after which a collection was taken up amounting to $4.33 and turned over to Treasurer for State Missions.

Benediction by Brother Bryant.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by Moderator at 2 P. M.

In absence of Committee on Temperance Brother J. R. Marshall submitted and read the following report:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The great cause of intemperance is too well known to our people for your Committee to elaborate on that subject, therefore we briefly recommend that every Christian in this Association shall be expected to

advocate total abstinence from all intoxicating liquors. Any member of the Church who shall patronize bar-rooms or persist in habitual liquor drinking shall be dealt with by the Church in the usual biblical way of discipline.

J. R. MARSHALL, for Committee.

Brother S. F. Conrad spoke to the report.

Report adopted.

On motion of Dr. Blackwell the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Pastors of the different Churches take a collection, as soon as possible, at their Churches and forward the same to Brother Durham in pyment of the pledge for this Association to the educational fund.

On motion of Brother Paul a committee was appointed to formulate a church letter blank and hand same to Clerk to be printed. Brethren D. L. Gore, J. L. Vipperman and C. S. Blackwell constituting the Committee.

Brother R. S. Atkinson, Treasurer, submitted and read his report.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Nov. 14, 1901—	Received of Association at Burgaw	$ 7 69
"	" of Church at Catherine Lake	1.12
July 20, 1902—	" of Union at Riley's Creek	24.34
Sept. 4, 1902—	" of Union at Willard	7.55
	Total amount received	$40.70
Dec 3, 1901—	Paid to Walter Durham	8.81
Sept. 4, 1902—	Paid to J. D. Hocutt	18.40
	Total amount paid out	27.71
	Total amount on hand	12.99

The report of Finance Committee was read by N. R. Croom.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

State Missions	$ 23.75
Home Missions	25.75
Foreign Missions	27.98
Orphanage	31.88
Education	11.75
Ministerial Relief	12.76
Sunday Schools	2.65
Minute Fund	20.56
Total for all objects	$157.08

N. R. CROOM,
J. A. BLANCHARD,
J W. WHEELLR.
Committee.

These reports were adopted.

Motion by Brother Paul that the Treasurer pay the Missionaries who are employed by this Association out of money on hand and send receipt to Brother Johnson. Motion carried.

It was ordered by the Association that the State Mission money on hand be paid to Brother N. A. Shelly.

The following resolution was offered by Brother J. L. Vipperman:

Resolved, That we extend to this Church and community our profound gratitude for the exceeding great kindness of this people to us during the session of this body. They have spread their tables and opened their homes and extended to us hospitality which demands the high gratitude of a grateful people.

Motion carried that the Treasurer send on money for different objects.

Rev. C. S. Blackwell was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention. D. L. Gore was elected alternate.

On motion the Association ordered that Gospel Mission money sent up to the Association be forwarded to brother D. W. Herring.

Motion carried that the Clerk be allowed $10.00 per year for his services, same to come out of the Minute Fund.

The Minute Fund being short, a collection was taken to raise the deficit. $2.50 was collected.

The business of the Association finished. The Moderator asked brother S. F. Conrad to dismiss the Association with prayer. After which the second annual session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1903.

J. T. BLAND, Moderator.

ADDISON HEWLETT, Clerk.

NOTE.—There being no Letter blanks this year, full statistics of all the Churches were not given.

CLERK.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Baptist Female University	Totals.	Present Indebtness.	Value Church Property
Barlow's Chapel	10 04	5.15	11.00		7.75		3.10			1.72	120.00				679.41		1000.00
Berea		1 00		1 00	1.50					50	125.00				129.00		300.00
Bethlehem	7.65	5.75	7.75	25.00	6 48	2.00	2.25			1.25	125.00				156.00		500-00
Blackwell's Chapel		1.25	1.25			1.25					25.00						300.00
Burgaw	4 69	2.00		52.00	5.00	1.50	2.00			1.24	136.00	10 50	5.00		215.00		1400.00
Broyklyn	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	75			50					914.00		6500.00
Caintuck Chapel	10.00	3.00	15.00		5.00	3.00	3.00			1.00	125.00				165.00		350.00
Caswell	4.44		3.82		6.00			11.61	1.45	60	125.00				155.00	21.00	800.00
Cathrine Lake	2.00	2.00	2.00		2.00	2 00	1.00			50	39.00				50,00		700.00
Castle Haynes																	
Colvins Creek																	
Delgado											30 00						
Emma's Chapel	1.00	2.00	4.00		2.00	1.00	1.00			1.00	50.00				65.00		300.00
Haw Bluff	2.50	1.00	2 00		1.00	1.00	1.00		12.56	75	60.00	2.50	2.50		85.00	15.00	400.00
Jacksonville	2.00	1.00	1.00		2 00		1.00			1.00	74.69	4.00	9.00		96.00		1500,00
Long Creek	1.00	1.00		18.00		1.00	1 30			30	100.00	25.00	5.00		150.00		500.00
Masonboro	3.80	1.00		25.00	3.80		1.00	15.00	30.00	1.00	120.00	1.20			250.00	70.00	750.00
Moore's Creek	5 00	1.00	4.00	12.00	5.00		1.00			75	125.00				153.00		500.00
Mount Holly	1.00		65	35	1.15					40					3.55		300.00

Olive Branch	5.50	2.00	3.00		2.00	2.00	1.00			50	120.00				136.00		250.00
Olivet	8.10				1.90					50	40.60				50.00		450.00
Providence	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00			50					5.50		350.00
Riley's Creek	2.50	2.50		2.00	2.50				1.00	50	100 00				111.00		650.00
Shiloh	2.00	1.00	65	30.00	2.50					30					36.00		300.00
South Side	46.00	15.00	20.00		20.00		5.00	19.46	252.00	2.00	600.00	93.00			985.00	522.00	2000.00
Salem	5.00		65		3.00			5.00			50.00				63.00		450.00
Tar Landing	25	25			25	25				25	32.45	30.00			64.00		400.00
Teachey's																	
Well's Chapel																	
Wilmington	20.00	37.50	39.50		25.00		5.00	225.00	8 00	4.00	1800.00			100.00	3230.00		40000 00
Willard	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	1.00	1.00			75	100.00				109.75		800 00
	149 47	89 40	108.87	165.35	109.83	17.00	31.00	276.07	295.01	20.81	4622.00	285 00	21.50	100.00	5656.51	628.00	59650.00

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.			ORDAINED MINISTERS.	LICENTIATES.
	Baptisms	Letter.	Restored.	Died.	Excluded	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total		
Barlow's Chapel		1					35	52	87		
Berea					1		36	40	76		
Bethlehem	1	1	1		2	1	66	95	161		
Blackwell's Chapel									33		
Burgaw	10	3		1		6	53	62	115	M. C. Walton, J. D. Bowen.	J. D. Hocutt.
Brooklyn	4	12	7	1	1	2	58	106	164	J. L. Vipperman, J. J. Payseur, J. H. Hildreth.	
Caintuck Chapel							67	81	148		
Caswell							28	59	87		
Catherine Lake						1	5	16	21		
Castle Haynes							6	9	15		
Colvin's Creek							6	28	34		
Delgado							8	8	16		
Emma's Chapel				2		2	22	36	58		
Haw Bluff	3	2		4		3	47	65	112		
Jacksonville				2		1	20	21	41		
Long Creek				3	3	5	51	67	118		
Masonboro	14	1	5	3	1	2	48	71	119	R H. Hewlett.	
Moore's Creek	5	4	1		1	1	40	44	84		
Mt. Holly				1	2	1	41	69	110		
Olive Branch	19	1					37	45	81		

Olivet							14	29	43	
Providence							16	35	57	
Riley's Creek				4	3	3	62	96	158	
Shiloh							45	65	110	
South Side	8	11	5	2	5	15	64	110	174	C. B. Paul, Levi Bryan, J. W. Wheeler.
Salem	1					2	17	28	45	
Tar Landing		1					7	12	19	
Teachey's										
Wells' Chapel	2	2		1	1	4	107	131	238	
Wilmington	24	21		4	14	15	157	309	466	C. S. Blackwell, A. T. King, J. E. King and J. R. Marshall.
Willard	17	3	3	1	3	1	43	56	99	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS	Number of Schools	Officers & Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews	1	5	40	30	12			
Berea	T. W. Stallings	1	5	25	20				
Blackwell's Chapel		1		33	28				
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith								
Burgaw	J. T. Bland	1	4	30	30	12	6.00		10.00
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall	1	12	125	115	12	104 00		
Caintuck	T. W. Marshall	1	5	67	30	12			
Caswell		1	5	45	30	12	3.60		
Catharine Lake									
Castle Haynes									
Delgado	George E. Lettwich	1	6	35	25	12			
Emma's Chapel	Joseph Saunders	1	6	50	30		2.50		
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnhill	1	5	40		12	2.50		
Jacksonville	R. P. Hinton	1	5	30	18	12	25.38		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring	1	3	30	25	12	2.16		
Masonboro	B. S. Montford	1	7	79	40	12	25.00	5.00	
Moore's Creek	N. R. Croom	1	4	25		12	3.00		
Mt. Holly	Isaiah Carroll	1	4	40	25	9			
Olive Branch	Mrs. M. E. Horton	1	7	70	30	12	15.41		
Olivet	F. C. Shepard	1	8	28	20	12	1.90		
Providence	J. F. Jones	1	5	35	25	12			
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	1				12			
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	1	4	25	20		5.00		
South Side	J. S. Canady	1	16		90		118.45		
Salem		1							
Tar Landing	D. N. Page	1	4	22	20	12			
Teachey's									
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	1				12			
Wilmington	C. B. Weeks	2	22	285	175	12	186.00	18.18	
Willards	R. T. Rivenbark	1	3	25		12	4.00		

PASTORS AND CLERKS

CHURCHES.	PASTORS AND POST OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	1st Sunday
Berea	O. W. Triplett, Burgaw	Joseph Brooks, Wallace	3rd Sunday
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. C. Keith, Keith	1st Sunday
Blackwell's Chapel	J. W. Wheeler, Wilmington	F. J. Dempsey, Wilmington	1st Sunday
Burgaw	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Hocutt, Ashton	3rd Sunday
Brooklyn	J. L. Vipperman, Wilmington	A. W. Allen, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Caintuck Chapel	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Nat More	2nd Sunday
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	J. L. Watson, Point Caswell	4th Sunday
Catherine Lake	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	J. Marshburn, Catherine Lake	4th Sunday
Castle Hayne	J. W, Wheeler, Wilmington	Thomas Larkins, Castle Hayne	3rd Sunday
Colvin's Creek		W. G. Harrell, Atkinson	
Delgado	J, W. Wheeler, Wilmington	J. B. Howard, Delgado,	1st and 2nd Sunday
Emma Chapel	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	T. A. Marshburn, Richland's	1st Sunday
Haw Bluff	J. H Dobson, Atkinson	L. C. Boswell, Colly	3rd Sunday
Jacksonville		R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	
Long Creek		L. F. Johnson, Daughton	
Masonboro	J. A. Smith. Wilmington	Addison Hewlett, Wilmington	4th Sunday
Moore's Creek	R. H. Hewlett, Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth, Currie	3rd Sunday
Mt. Holly	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	Isaiah Carroll, South Washington.	3rd Sunday
Olive Branch	J. J. Payseur, Atkinson	Thomas K. Woody, Wilmington	2nd Sunday
Olivet	Benj. Ward, Marines	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Point	1st Sunday
Providence	J. R. Marshall, Wilmington	R. H. Bethea, Holly Ridge	2nd Sunday
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	J. D. Mahn, Rocky Point	1st Sunday
Shiloh		C. C. Woodcock, Moore's Creek	
South Side	C. B. Paul, Wilmington	J. F. Littleton, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Salem	Benj. Ward. Marines	E. Q. Capps, Sneed's Ferry	3rd Sunday
Tar Landing	N. A. Shelly, Catherine Lake	D. N. Page. Tar Landing	4th Sunday
Teachey's	N. B. Cobb, Clear Run	B. P. Teachey, Teachey's	2nd Sunday
Well's Chapel	M. C. Walton, Burgaw	L. D. Highsmith, Bland	2nd Sunday
Wilmington	C. S. Backwell, Wilmington	E. S. Lathrop, Wilmington	Twice each Sunday
Willard		W. F. Bowen, Willard	

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Sunday Schools.	Total.
Barlow's Chapel	5.00	10.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	30.00
Berea							
Bethlehem	3.00	5.00	5.00		2.00		15.00
Blackwells Chapel	2 00	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00		10.00
Burgaw	2.50	25.00	5.00	5.00	2.50		40.00
Brooklyn	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00		35 00
Caintuck Chapel	3.00	15.00	5.00	3.00	3.00		29.00
Caswell	1.00	3.00	3.00		1.00		8.00
Catherine Lake	2.00	2.00	2.00				6.00
Castle Hayne							
Colvin's Creek							
Delgado							
Emma's Chapel	1.00	2 00	2.00				5.00
Haw Bluff	1.00	2.00	1 00	1.00	1.00		6.00
Jacksonville							
Long Creek	1.00	15.00	2.00				18.00
Masonboro	2.00	3.00	5.00		2.00		12.00
Moore's Creek	1.00	4.00	5.00	1.00	1.00		12.00
Mt. Holly	2.00	2 00	2.00		1.00		7.00
Olive Branch							
Olivet		2.00	2.00				4.00
Providence							
Riley's Creek	2.00	1.00	2.00		1.00		6.00
Shiloh							
South Side	15.00	20.00	20.00	10.00	5 00		70.00
Salem							
Tar Landing							
Teachey's							
Wells Chapel							
Wilmington	75.00	50.00	25.00		5.00		155.00
Willard							

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.					B. Y. P. U.	SUNBEAMS.			
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Other Objects
Jacksonville			1.85							
Masonboro				5.00						
South Side		9 00	6 00		5.00		11.75	5.00	5.00	
Wilmington	21.42	21.42	42.84			10.00				363.05

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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort, to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all Nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backsliding, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion, after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together, with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10.—The committees on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

ART. 11.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel Order.

ART. 12.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 13.—The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15.—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the previous daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

KEITH, N. C., October 13th, 1903.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its third annual session with the Bethlehem Baptist Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. L. Vipperman. Text, Rev. 2:1. The theme was "God the Inspector of the Churches." After which a recess of one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 2 P. M.

The Moderator appointed D. J. Corbett and L. R. Highsmith Reading Clerks. Also appointed T. A. Watson, F. J. Dempsey and D. N. Page as Finance Committee.

The roll of Churches was then called and the letters were brought forward and read.

The delegates were enrolled as follows :

Barlow's Chapel—R. S. Atkinson.
Berea—T. W. Stalling.
Bethlehem—G. W. Corbett, W. N. Anderson, W. C. Keith.
Blackwell's—F. J. Dempsey, T. A. Watson.
Burgaw—John Savage, J. K. Brown, J. T. Bland.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman, D. L Gore, L. Larkins.
Caintuck Chapel—Andrew Moore, W. J. Flynn, T. W. Marshal.
Caswell—W. D. Malpass. Luke Glisson, George Kelly.
Catharine's Lake—By Letter.
Castle Haynes—By Letter.
Delgado—E. J. Edwards.
Emma's Chapel—By Letter.
Haw Bluff—G. V. Russ, W. H. Barnhill, J. M. Brown.
Jacksonville—I. E. Ketchum.
Long Creek—G. A. Herring, J. S. Devane, I. K. Russell.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—W. J. Hollingsworth, N. R. Croom, Eli Larkins.
Mt. Holly—Bedford Moore.
Olive Branch—T. K. Woody, McIver Walton.
Olivet—E. D. Walker, Leslie McAllister,
Providence—
Riley's Creek—M. L. Rook, D. W. Walker.
Shiloh—A. T. Herring, H. A. Bland.
South Side—C. B. Paul, R. B. Moore, J. W. Wheeler.
Salem—

Tar Landing—D. N. Page.
Teachey's—W. S. Teachey.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, R. C. Bland.
Wilmington—J. R. Marshal, S. G. Hall. R. M. Wescott.
Willard—A. Turner, Willie Turner.
Bear Branch—Wm. Moore.
Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, Clarence Barnhill. Jessie Lewis.
Harmony—D. J. Eakins, B. C Malpass, W. M. Gurganeus.

On motion the Association ordered that that part of the letters from Well's Chapel and Teachey's, asking for next session of the Association, be laid on the table.

On motion the rules were suspended and the Secretary cast ballot of the Association for J. T. Bland, Moderator; J. J. Payseur, Vice-Moderator; R. S. Atkinson, Treasurer. The Moderator cast the ballot for Addison Hewlett for Clerk

Moderator appointed J. A. Smith as Chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions, and E. J. Edwards as Chairman of Committee on Home Missions.

Petitionary letters from Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches, recently organized, asking admission were read.

On motion of E. J. Edwards the Moderator appointed M. C. Walton. J. L Vipperman and D. L. Gore as Committee to examine as to the orthodoxy of these new churches.

Letter from Bear Branch asking for admission on letter of dismission from Eastern Association was read. Motion was carried that the Church be accepted, and Moderator welcomed the delegates to a seat in our body.

Moderator appointed Pastor and Deacons of this church Committee on Religious Exercises.

In absence of Dr. Blackwell, who was to preach the Missionary Sermon, the Association elected Brother J. A. Smith to fill his place.

On motion Article 13th of the Constitution was ordered changed so that it may read: "The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October at such place as may be chosen."

Brother J. S. Farmer, of the Recorder, was welcomed by the Moderator.

On motion W. J. Hollingsworth, R. B. Moore and T. W. Marshal were appointed Committee on place of next meeting. Also to name preachers for Introductory and Missionary sermons.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report. Devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock, conducted by Brother E. J. Edwards. Sermon at the stand at 11 o'clock by Brother M. C. Walton.

Committee appointed to examine into the orthodoxy of Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches report as follows:

We, your Committee, would report that we have examined the credentials of Atkinson and Harmony Baptist Churches and we do most

heartily recommend that these Churches be accepted.

M. C. WALTON,
J. L. VIPPERMAN,
D. L. GORE,
Committee.

Report of Committee was adopted and Moderator welcomed the delegates from these Churches.

Motion carried that the Association invite Brother J. A. Oates to address the body on temperance Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, Brother Vipperman to telegraph Brother Oates concerning the invitation.

Association adjourned. Brother J. J. Payseur pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by E. J. Edwards, after which the Moderator called the Association to order. Roll of churches called and Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Motion by R. H. Hewlett that the rules be suspended and that the report on State Missions and report of Executive Committee be heard in the afternoon, that we might hear from Secretary L. Johnson who had not yet arrived. Motion carried.

The report on Home Missions was submitted and read by E. J. Edwards.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga. Its field is the Southern Baptist Convention territory and the Island of Cuba. We are glad to note that the Diaz affair has been fully explained and the Home Board vindicated. So long as we have destitution within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there is still a great field of usefulness for the Home Board. We now receive about three thousand dollars annually from this source and have for a number of years. We pledged last year ten thousand dollars to this work and we would urge that each Church take at least one collection during the year for its support. God's blessings have richly attended this department of our work and the churches cannot afford to neglect their part in the work and thereby miss their part of the blessing.

E. J. EDWARDS, for Committee.

Brethren J. S. Farmer, G. P. Harrill and J. L. Vipperman spoke to report, after which it was adopted.

M. C. Walton submitted and read the following report :

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

Your Committee would call the attention of our great Baptist brotherhood throughout the State to the fact that there is no more important duty devolving upon us, as a denomination, than that of providing for the aged and infirm preachers of the Gospel, who, on account of their fidelity to the cause so dear to us all, have failed in a great measure to make provisions for the comforts of life after they are worn out and no longer fit for service.

Dr. W. C. Tyree, of Raleigh, is the President of this Board with headquarters at Durham, N. C. According to our best information there are about twenty-five at present who receive aid from this fund, one-third of which is put on deposit as an endowment fund.

We most earnestly request that the pastors and churches of this Association make this one of the first considerations in all the work that lies before them.

M. C. WALTON
G. A. HERRING,
H. A. BLAND.

D. L. Gore spoke to the report, after which it was adopted.

Report on Foreign Missions was submitted and read by J. A. Smith.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The grandest work in which christians can engage is that of evangelizing the world. Before Jesus left here for Heaven He said to His disciples "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved ; but he that believeth not shall be damned." This last great command of Jesus Christ forever settles the question of the advisability of sending the gospel to all the Nations of the earth and clearly defines our christian duty and personal responsibility as christians. A failure to discharge this great duty means spiritual stagnation, and perhaps all the woes and sorrows incident to the second death. With feelings of profound gratitude we, as Baptists, can refer to the fact that we have been the pioneers of modern missions. Christianity is a growing force in the world notwithstanding the evil prophecy of skeptics and unbelievers, and it is to day growing with a rapidity never equalled in any age of its history since the ascension of our Lord. This fact should stimulate us to the greatest degree of activity in the prosecution of our foreign missionary work. Already we have Missionaries and mission stations in nearly all parts of the world and it is our duty to increase as rapidly as possible the number of our missionaries and lend a listening ear to that voice which comes to us from Macedonia saying "Come over and help us." The appeal which comes to us from the dying millions on heathen shores is pathetic and powerful, and cold and selfish is the heart which fails to quickly respond to these long and loud appeals. Your Committee to whom had been entrusted the great responsibility of preparing this report would earnestly recommend that our pastors and churches make more diligent efforts to bring the work of the foreign field more prominent before the minds and hearts of our people. We would urge our pastors to preach more to their people on the subject of foreign missions and furnish them with all needful information. We believe it to be the binding duty of all the members of our churches to contribute of their means to support of the Gospel in heathen lands. We are known to all men as "Missionary Baptists." Let us therefore not only possess the significant name but prove to all men by our faith and good work that we merit the title. In closing this report we urge our people to subscribe for the Foreign Missionary Journal published at Richmond, Va. This journal furnishes the names and location of all our missionaries and telle us what they are doing toward the evangelization of the world.

J. A. SMITH,
A. T. HERRING,
A. L. PRIDGEN,
Committee.

Missionary sermon was preached by J. A. Smith at 11 A. M., after which the Association adjourned for dinner. Benediction by E. J. Edwards.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 P. M.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Report of Executive Committee was read by D. L. Gore, Chairman of Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee was asked by your body to apportion the Churches so as to get up enough money to employ a man on our Onslow field, consisting of Jacksonville, Emma's Chapel, Tar Landing and Catherine Lake, all in Onslow county. And in addition to this, we were to employ a Colporter to sell books and other literature, also preach at intervals in the bounds of the Association.

We apportioned the Churches to the amount of $610.00 in all. A list is hereto attached showing amount each Church was to pay. This $610.00 was to be supplemented by the Chairman of this Committee by 25 per cent of all money paid to this object by the Churches. Our Treasurers report is also hereto attached showing how much each Church has paid, amounting in all to $125.08.

We called Brother C. B. Paul first to the Onslow field, and he declined emphatically. We then called Rev. E. J. Edwards, and he, after some little delay, also declined. Then the Jacksonville Church called Brother C. B. Edwards to serve them till after this Association convened. We then called Brother W. H. VanHoy to serve the other three Churches of the Onslow field, we promising to supplement his salary 25 per cent on any amount he got on the field. We also called Brother J. D. Hocutt to serve as Colporter, and thought he was going to serve but his health prevented it.

We are sorry that many of our preachers and laymen have not been able, or at least have not attended our Union Meetings regularly the past year. And while the Union Meeting, strictly speaking, is the meeting in which the Executive Committee reports their work to the members of the Association, the majority of our Committee have not been able to attend regularly. We hope the next Executive Committee will have meetings once a month, or oftener, and all attend it. At least three of the Committee should live near together; we mean near enough so the Chairman can count on a quorum of his Committee meeting at any time when called for business.

We think the funds for carrying on this work are easily raised, if all our preachers and prominent laymen will get to work in earnest and push the matter.

About co-operation with the State Board, we are satisfied our successors will be willing to do the work as now laid out as Associational Missions, or let all funds be sent by the Treasurer to the State Board and the Executive Committee draw on them for the funds to pay our men on the field. Which ever way is the most effectual can be done. But we think we should unite on one or the other of these plans. We think our church members, as a rule, ought to read more, and especially all of them should take the Biblical Recorder and the North Carolina Baptist. We must read or we can never develop as we should.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. GORE,
D. N. PAGE,
J. S. CANADY,
D. J. CORBETT,
H. A. BLAND,
Committee.

Report on State Missions was submitted and read by J. L. Vipperman.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Realizing the transcendently great and important work of evangelizing our own beloved State, and turning her mighty resources and possibilities to the glory of our God, and knowing that our State Mission work lies at the foundation of all our work, and realizing that we are so well remunerated for this work, we, your Committee, recommend that we renew our zeal in the work, and our gratitude to God for His great blessings upon our enlarged endeavors in this direction. Last year we worked on a basis of $25,000, and God has blessed us in our work. In Acts 1:8, the ascending Lord outlined first, our territory; secondly, our equipment; thirdly, the evidences of the received power. Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. Home Missions when He said Samaria, Foreign Missions when He said uttermost parts of the earth, State Missions when he said Jerusalem and Judea. His view of the magnitude of our work and our responsibility the same.

We recommend that we make earnest efforts to do more the next year than ever before. If we reach the perishing millions of Brazil, Italy, Japan, China, Mexico and Africa we must rise up in our might and support as never before our own State Mission work.

J. L. VIPPERMAN, for Committee.

Secretary L. Johnson was present and in his earnest and impressive manner spoke to the report. D. J. Corbett, J. L. Vipperman and D. L. Gore also spoke to reports, after which they were adopted.

On motion of Brother Paul the Association ordered that pledges be made to State Missions instead of Associational Missions as before, and that the money raised by the Churches be sent to our Treasurer at Raleigh.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a standing Committee on General Education.

Brother S. G. Hall made a short address to the Association as to the best way of bringing about a more systematic mode of giving within our churches and offered to print, free of charge, circulars to be distributed among the churches of this Association as helps in this direction. Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to confer with Brother Hall in the getting up of these circulars. Brethren J. L. Vipperman, R. H. Hewlett and J. W. Wheeler were appointed.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee be authorized and empowered to make an apportionment to the Churches for State Missions for the following year. It was also ordered that this apportionment be included in the Minutes.

On motion the Moderator appointed W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Wescott and J. L. Vipperman a Committee to nominate members of the Executive Committee.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was submitted and read by J. J. Payseur.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We think that in proportion as our people are informed concerning

the objects of our denominational work, just so will their zeal be increased and their contributions enlarged. To this end we would most earnestly urge that our people take and read all the good literature possible. Let every family take the "Biblical Recorder," which for the past seventy years has been the organ of our Convention, and which for all of these years has been a faithful exponent of Baptist principals and Baptist progress. We would also recommend the North Carolina Baptist, Charity and Children, The Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field. We also recommend that our people read such books as "What Made Me a Baptist," by C. A. Jenkins, "Grace Truman," "Life of Dr. Yates," and also the tracts gotten out by our Boards, which give a clear knowledge of our denominational work. These can be gotten simply for the asking.

We also recommend the reading of good magazines, such as the Review of Reviews and "Success," also The Youths Companion, The Baptist Union and others for young people.

We must read if we wish to advance.

J. J. PAYSEUR, for Committee.

Report was spoken to by J. J. Payseur, M. C. Walton, D. L. Gore J. T. Bland, J. S. Farmer and G. P. Harril, after which it was adopted.

The Committee on Place of Meeting report.

The next session of this Association will be held at Well's Chapel, Sampson county, Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1904.

Introductory Sermon—R. H. Hewlett.

Missionary Sermon—C. B. Paul.

W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH, for Committee.

Report was adopted.

Moderator appointed the following standing Committees :

Home Missions—J. A. Smith, W. H. Lewis and L. Larkins.

Foreign Missions—J. L. Vipperman, F. J. Dempsey, G. A. Herring.

State Missions—C. B. Paul, W. C. Keith, J. D Hocutt.

Ministerial Education—R. H. Hewlett, T. W. Marshall D. J. Eakins.

Ministerial Relief—J. W. Wheeler, E. D. Walker, N. R. Croom.

Orphanage—E. J. Edwards, W. D Malpass. L. R. Highsmith.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. A. Smith, J. L. Vipperman, D. L. Gore.

Temperance—M. C. Walton, W. J. Hollingsworth, Leslie McAlister.

Sunday Schools—J. J. Payseur, D. J. Corbett, J. S. Canady.

General Education—C. B. Paul, M. C. Walton, D. W. Walker.

Associational History and Obituaries—R. M. Wescott, G. W. Corbett. Eli Larkins.

Committee on Religious Exercises report:

Sermon at stand at 11 A. M. to-morrow by C. B. Paul. Devotional exercises at 9:30, conducted by J. R. Marshall.

The following resolution was offered by T. A. Watson :

"Resolved that this Association request Brother Vipperman to have his Introductory Sermon printed, and that a collection be taken to pay for two thousand copies of the same and that they be distributed among the Churches of the Association."

The Moderator appointed J. L. Vipperman, R. B Moore and T. W. Marshal a Committee to confer with Brother S. G. Hall in regard to having the sermon printed.

Association adjourned.

THURSDAY—MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. R. Marshal, after which the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

The roll of Churches was called, after which the Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a Committee to nominate delegates to the State and Southern Baptist Conventions. Brothers Eli Larkins, Andrew Moore and M. C. Walton were appointed.

Moderator appointed any one of our delegates who may visit any other Association as corresponding delegate.

Committee appointed to confer with Brother Hall, in regard to having the Introductory sermon printed, report:

"We, your Committee, have talked with Brother Hall regarding the printing of the Introductory Sermon and he agreed to print two thousand copies for fifteen dollars. We would recommend that they be printed and that a collection be now taken for the same."

Report of Committee was adopted and a collection taken, which amounted to six dollars and seventy-four cents. This amount being less than half the required amount, motion was carried that each church of the Association send fifty cents to Brother S. G. Hall and that he turn over to the Treasurer of the Association whatever received over the required amount.

Committee to nominate State and Southern Baptist Conventions delegates report.

Southern Baptist Convention delegate—J. L. Vipperman.

State Convention Delegates—C. B. Paal, J. A. Smith and R. H. Hewlett.

Adopted.

On motion the Chairman of the Executive Committee was made a member of the State Mission Board.

On motion the Association ordered that hereafter the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention be paid by the Association, and that the Churches be requested to send money for this object.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee report D. L. Gore, D. J. Corbett, J. S. Canady, D. N. Page, W. J. Hollingsworth. Report adopted.

The report on Education was submitted and read by C. B. Paul.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of our State look with pride to the stand our denomination has always taken in regard to education. Wake Forest College, the Baptist Female University, Chowan Baptist Institute, Oxford Female Seminary, together with the associational schools of our State, have been and still are wielding an influence for good that is immeasurable.

Besides the schools which are owned and controlled by our denomination there are numerous others conducted by private individuals, that to all intent and purpose are denominational schools. These we believe should receive our sympathy and hearty co-operation, since eternity alone can measure their influence for good upon our denomination. Among these last named schools we would especially commend

to Brethren of this Association Excelsior High School at Atkinson, N. C., conducted by Rev. J. J. Payseur. This school, though in its infancy, promises through the matchless energy and sacrifice of its Principal, together with the assistance of his wife and the other competent teachers he has associated with him, advantages to our boys and girls that they can hardly get elsewhere. In view of these facts we would recommend that a Committee be appointed to advise steps to be taken that will put this school in more vital relation to our denomination, arouse ourselves more thoroughly on the subject of education and aid in every way possible the poor boys and girls in their efforts to be educated.

Apart from education in general we do earnestly bring before this Association Ministerial Education in particular. Experience teaches us that there is no object more important than this. Education is power and when this power is harnessed by the grace of God and directed along the line of evangelical religion it means much to our denomination, and to the cause of christianity in general. The history of the Baptist denomination in North Carolina during the last fifty years proves very clearly that the ministers who have wielded an everlasting influence in our denomination and done much to strengthen our cause in our own and other States have been men who were educated at our own Wake Forest College and aided by the Educational Board. Even now we have about forty young men at Wake Forest preparing themselves for the ministry who are aided by this Board with others anxious to enter as soon as means can be provided. In view of these facts your Committee most earnestly recommend that the Wilmington Association prove its loyalty to this worthy object by contributions as liberally as possible to this cause.

C. B. PAUL,
J. A. BLANCHARD,
Committee.

The report was spoken to by C. B. Paul, J. A. Smith, R. M. Wescott, J. J. Payseur, D. L. Gore and J. L. Vipperman, after which it was adopted.

On motion the Moderator appointed Committee, recommended by Committee on Education, to devise steps to be taken in regard to Excelsior High School—J. L. Vipperman. D. L. Gore, M. C. Walton, W. C. Keith and J. S. Devane to compose the Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools was read by R. H. Hewlett.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We believe the work done by Brother T. Neil Johnson as Secretary of the Sunday School Board will count in the years to come and we are very sorry that our people did not co-operate with him in his endeavors to lift the work on a higher plane. The Sunday School Board at present has no Secretary, but we believe that the work in our bounds should be prosecuted along the same line indicated by Brother Johnson. This is, to get our teaching force better prepared to teach. However we think that in the beginning of this work that it will be necessary to have a meeting of our Sunday Schools in a kind of rally. Hence. we recommend that a Committee of three be appointed by Moderator to select place and arrange programme for such a meeting. As to time we think one of the fifth Sunday's this winter or spring will be best. We beg your prayerful consideration of this great work called by Dr. Broadus "one of the greatest movements of the age."

R. H. HEWLETT,
C. B. PAUL,
Committee.

Report was spoken to by R. H. Hewlett and was then adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee to arrange for the Sunday School Rally as to time and place, also programme: R. H. Hewlett, R. B. Moore, I. E. Ketchum.

Report on Temperance was submitted and read by M. C. Walton.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee takes great pleasure in saying that this movement is one of the grandest and most inspiring of this generation and is truly a growing sentiment and we look forward to the time not far distant when, so far as the saloon and distillery are concerned, that North Carolina will be a prohibition State. But while we rejoice in this we are often made sad to know that the secret wine traffic is doing a great deal of injury to the cause. We trust, however, that we shall soon see all of our people rise above all these things.

M. C. WALTON, for Committee.

The report was spoken to by M. C. Walton and R. B. Moore, after which it was adopted.

Association adjourned for one hour for dinner.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association reassembled at 2 P. M.

Motion carried that the funds now in the hands of the Treasurer for Associational Missions be sent to Treasurer Durham at Raleigh, same to be used for State Missions.

The report on Orphanage was submitted and read by J. R. Marshal.

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

There are at present two hundred and sixty children being cared for at the Orphanage, and there are now other buildings in process of erection that will accommodate about four hundred.

There is no more telling work being done by us as Baptists than gathering in the fatherless children of the State; feeding, clothing and training them.

Our contributions for the following year should be advanced so as to meet the increased demands by the enlarged number of orphans cared for. We should remember that the current funds are to be raised by the Churches year by year.

J. R. MARSHAL,
W. C. KEITH,
A. B. ROOK,
Committee.

Report was spoken to by G. P. Harrill, pastor at the Orphanage, and J. R. Marshal, after which it was adopted.

A collection was taken for the Orphanage amounting to more than eighteen dollars.

On motion pledges were taken for the different objects.

Motion carried that the apportionment made by the Executive Committee be put in the Minutes.

The report of the Finance Committee was read by the Clerk and report received and the money was ordered to be turned over to the Treasurer.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Amount Cash to the Association :

State Missions	$ 96.57
Home Missions	28.55
Foreign Missions	34.23
Gospel Missions	4.00
Orphanage	49.13
Ministerial Education	16.00
Ministerial Relief	24.00
Poor	75
Minute Fund	27.13
	$280.30

The following resolution of thanks was offered by Brother J. L. Vipperman :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Bethlehem Church and the citizens of the community for their cordial and generous hospitality.

The business of the session being finished the Moderator asked J. A. Smith to pronounce the Benediction, after which the third session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Wells' Chapel on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1904.

J. T. BLAND, Moderator.

ADDISON HEWLETT, Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	Apportionment made by Ex. Com. for State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.
Atkinson	20.00						
Barlow's Chapel	35.00	5.00	15.00		5.00		5.00
Berea	20.00						
Bethlehem	35.00	4.00	5.00		5.00	3.00	2.00
Bear Branch	5 00						
Blackwells	5.00	1.00	1.00		1.00		1.00
Burgaw	50.00	5.00		30.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Brooklyn	40.00	15.00	20.00		10.00	10.00	5.00
Canetuck	40 00	3.00	15.00		10.00	3.00	3.00
Caswell	25.00	1.00	3.00		5.00	1.00	1.00
Catherine's Lake	5.00						
Castle Haynes	5 00						
Delgado							
Emma's Chapel	15.00						
Haw Bluff	20.00						
Jacksonville	30.00	2.00	2.00		5.00	2.00	
Harmony	20.00						
Long Creek	20,00	5.00		15.00	5.00	5.00	3.60
Masonboro	35.00	2.00		20.00	5.00	2 00	2.00
Moore's Creek	30.00	1.00	4·00		5.00	1.00	1.00
Mount Holly	15.00						
Olive Branch	10.00						
Olivet	5.00			2.00	2.00		
Providence	20 00						
Riley's Creek	35.00	5.00	7.00	3.00	2.00	3.00	1.00
Shiloh	15.00						
South Side	40 00	15,00	20.00		20.00	10.00	5.00
Salem	5.00						
Tar Landing	5.00						
Teacheys	40.00	2.00		10.00	5.00	1.00	3.00
Wells' Chapel	50.00						
Wilmington	200.00	100.00	100.00		60·00		5.05
Willard	25.00						

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Poor.	Other Objects.	Minute Fund.	Pastors Salary	Improvements.	Other Church Expenses.	Totals.	Present Indebtedness.	Value Church Property.	W. F. C. and B. F. U.
Atkinson	4.00	5.00	8 40	....	2.00	25.00	....	25.00	18.00	1.58	100.00	..	....	188.98	.....		....
Barlow's Chapel	23.70	5.15	11.72	....	5.68	....	5.00	..	5.00	2.00	135,00	.. ..	49.25	241.56	.....	$ 1000	....
Berea	50	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	..	.	.. ..	....	50	50 00	.. ..	.....	54 00	.....	300	....
Blackwell's	....	2.00	2.00	. .	2.00	....	2.00	....	....	50	36.00	.....	.....	44 50	....	....	...
Jethlehem	15.00	5.00	10 00	11.00	10.00	1.00	4.53	....	...	1.25	125.00	....	60.00	263.78	.....	500	..
Pear Rranch	2.75	....	.....	. ...	50	....	....	....	. ..	25	.. . ..	....	.....	3.50	.....	....	....
Burgaw	20.00	2 50	.	30.43	5 00	5.00	2 50	.....	....	1.05	137.00	.....	40.06	256.48	. ...	1500	...
Brooklyn	50.00	5.54	15 06	.....	. ....	....	...	5.00	....	1.00	....	.....	151.00	227.66	...	7000	. ..
Canetuck Chapel	40.00	3.00	15.00	.....	5.00	3 00	3.00	....	3 00	1.50	125.00	.....	.....	597.50	.....	350	...
Caswell	7 13	.....	6.42	.....	7 52	. .	1.50	2.00	....	1.00	125.00	.....	.....	1150.57	8.75	800	....
Catherines Lake	. ..	3.50	1.00	.....	.....	..	....	....	...	50	.....	.. ..	... ..	5.00	.....	.. ...	....
Emma's Chapel	1.00	3.00	2.00	....	3.00	1.00	...	.....	..	....	50 00	.. ..	.....	60.00	.....	500	....
Haw Bluff	1 50	2.00	2.31	.....	1 50	1.00	1.00	75	7 31	75	100 00	. ....	54.52	172.56	25.00	400	....
Harmony	1 00	1 00	1.60	.....	1.00	1 00	1.00	. ..	15.00	...	100.00	178.80	2.29	382.29	....		....
Jacksonville	2.50	2.00	1.00	1.00	4 00	....	1.50	.....	....	50	65.43	5.40	.....	83.33	.....	1500	....
Long Creek	3.80	. ...	....	17 25	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	....	....	100.00	...	.....	125.05	.....	500	....
Masonboro	3.00	1.00	. ..	15 00	3 00	..	1.20	10.00	20.00	1.00	100 00	.....	.....	153.20	20.00	750	...
Moore's Creek	13.00	1.00	6.40	5 00	5.00	1.00	1.00	3.50	10·40	1.00	125 00	.....	...	172.20	.....	500	....
Mt. Holly	3.22	. ....	2.00	....	3 90	.	1.25	....	....	75	89 00	.....	. ...	91.12	....	800	....
Olive Branch	75	1.00	25	.....	...	...	....	.....	....	....	60.00	25.00	.....	87.00	.....	500	....
Olivet	4.00	.....	...	2 00	2.00	....	....	.	....	50	45.00	.....	.....	53.00	.. .	450	....
Riley's Creek	7.00	.....	1 00	3 00	.....	1.00	....	3 00	..	1.40	100.00	. ...	.....	116.00	. ...	600	....
Shiloh	10.00	....	.....	15 00	2 06	....		.....	....	....	60 00	.....	24.00	111.06	....	500	. ..
South Side	40.00	15 00	22.89	.....	47.50	10.00	5.00	13.00	....	2.00	402.00	110.00	198.00	984.74	440.00	2000	7.00
Tar Landing	10	10	10	....	10	....	....	. . .	....	50	.....	.....	.....	90	....	400	....
Teachey's	6.85	6 00	6.01	2.00	4 05	2.74	3.50	5,15	..	2.25	125 00	.....	.....	266.64	.....	1000	2.19
Well's Chapel	11.50	.....	2.64	385.00	5.85	...	3.25	.....	28.92	1.25	150.00	.....	.....	587 81	.....	800	
Wilmington	195.40	111.67	50.00	5.00	40 00	....	5.00	104.88	....	4.00	.....	.....	950.75	7546.70	.....	40000	13.00
Willard	2 00	2.00	1.00	. ..	2.00	1.00	1.00	.....	....	75	100.00	. .	.....	109.75	.....	800	
Totals	569.80	178.36	168.60	495.68	165.56	53.74	44 33	152.28	42.63	27.38	2535 43	312 20	1529.87	6277.32	493.75	63450	22.19

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.		
	Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Atkinson	12	4	1	....	....	....	37	34	71
Barlow's Chapel	36	5	2	....	2	....	62	67	129
Berea	....	....	....	....	....	....	38	39	77
Blackwell's	....	....	....	....	1	2	.....	.....	28
Bethlehem	7	8	2	2	6	4	69	98	167
Bear Branch	....	....	....	....	....	....	26	24	50
Burgaw	1	....	....	....	....	2	54	62	117
Brooklyn	8	6	1	2	1	6	61	107	168
Canetuck Chapel	6	....	....	4	1	5	62	82	144
Caswell	2	2	....	....	1	3	31	62	93
Catherine Lake	....	2	....	....	....	....	5	17	22
Castle Haynes									
Delgado									
Emma's Chapel	....	....	....	....	....	1	23	37	60
Haw Bluff	12	1	1	....	....	....	50	75	125
Harmony	7	35	....	....		....	15	27	42
Jacksonville	1	2	....	....	1	1	9	16	25
Long Creek	3	....	....	....	....	....	54	65	119
Masonboro	1	1	....	....	....	....	50	69	119
Moore's Creek	3	5	....	....	....	4	39	46	85
Mount Holly	2	....		1	1	....	41	68	109
Olive Branch	2	....	....	....	1	1	37	85	82
Olivet	....	....	....	....	1	3	10	28	38
Providence									
Riley's Creek	....	....	....	4	1	3	69	90	159
Shiloh	8	3	2	....	....	3	52	83	135
Salem									
South Side	10	10	....	6	2	3	66	117	183
Tar Landing	3	3	....	....	....	....	7	14	21
Teachey's	2	3	....	2	....	1	60	78	138
Well's Chapel	18	....	4	....	1	4	111	140	251
Wilmington	4	29	....	....	2	19	162	316	478
Willard	1	....	....	....	1	1	81	55	96

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Atkinson—J. J. Payseur. J. H. Dobson.
Burgaw—M. C. Walton. J. D. Hocut.
Brooklyn—J. L. Vipperman.
Catharine Lake—N. A. Shelly.
Masonboro—R. H. Hewlett.
Mount Holly—R. J. Bateman.
South Side—C. B. Paul. J. W. Wheeler, L. Bryan.
Teacheys—L. B. Boney.
Wilmington—J. A. Smith, J. E. King. J. R. Marshall, A. T. King.

LICENTIATES.

Long Creek—H. E. Brinson.
Teacheys—Francis Savage.

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICES.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICES.	TIME OF MEETING.
Atkinson	J. J. Payseur	Atkinson	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson	1st Sunday.
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st Sunday.
Berea			Joseph Brooks	Wallace	3rd Sunday.
Blackwell's			F. J. Dempsey	Wilmington	4th Sunday.
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	W. C. Keith	Keith	1st Sunday.
Bear Branch	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	W. R. Brinson	Montague	2nd Sunday.
Burgaw	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	3rd Sunday.
Brooklyn	J. L. Vipperman	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Canetuck Chapel	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Nat Moore	2nd Sunday.
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	T. L. Watson	Pt. Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catharine Lake			John Marshburn	Catharine Lake	
Emma's Chapel	J. H. Vanhoi	Cavenaugh	T. A. Marshburn	Richlands	1st Sunday.
Haw Bluff	J. J. Payseur	Atkinson	L. C. Boswell	Atkinson	3rd Sunday.
Harmony	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	B. B. Malpass	Grit	1st Sunday.
Jacksonville	J. W. Wheeler	Wilmington	R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	3rd Sunday.
Long Creek	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	Joe Whaley	Burgaw	2nd Sunday.
Masonboro			Addison Hewlett	Wilmington	1st Sunday.
Moore's Creek	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth	Currie	3rd Sunday.
Mount Holly	L. R. Carroll	Warsaw	Isaiah Carroll	South Washington	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch	E. J. Edwards	Wilmington	T. K. Woody	Wilmington	2nd and 4th Sunday
Olivet	Benj. Ward	Marines	Leslie McAlister	Rocky Point	1st Sunday.
Riley's Creek	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	J. D. Mahn	Rocky Point	4th Sunday.
Shiloh	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	C. C. Woodcock	Atkinson	3rd Sunday.
South Side	C. B. Paul	Wilmington	J. F. Littleton	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Tar Landing	J. H. Vanhoi	Rose Hill	D. N. Page	Tar Landing	4th Sunday.
Teacheys	W. N. Johnson	Delway	B. F. Teachey	Teacheys	2nd Sunday.
Well's Chapel	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	L. D. Highsmith	Bland	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington			E. S. Lathrop	Wilmington	Twice each Sunday.
Willard	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	W. F. Bowen	Willard	1st Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.
Atkinson	Daniel Lewis	1	8	82	50	12	2 50	2.00	
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews	1	6	39	35	12	5,00		
Berea		1	4	30	20	3			
Blackwell's	T. A. Watson	1	5	44	24	12	8.00		
Bethlehem	W. N. Anderson	1	5	40	45	12	4.00		
Burgaw	J. T Bland	1	4	2[illegible]	20	12			21.43
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougall	1	16	150	114	12	138.64		
Canetuck	T. W. Marshal	1	5	40		12		2.50	
Caswell	W. D. Malpass	1	6	47	30	12	18.00		
Catherine's Lake	W. E. Taylor	1	9	35		12	8.00		
Emma's Chapel	Ernest Huffman	1	5	40	25				
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnhill	1	4	40		12	3 50		
Harmony	W. M. Gurganus	1	6	101	60	12			
Jacksonville	R. P. Hinton	1			13	12	12.50		
Long Creek	J. F. Herring	1	4	40	20	12	2.00		
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	1	6	77	40	12	25.00	10.00	
Moore's Creek	N. R. Croom	1	4	20	15	10	2.50		
Mount Holly	Isaiah Carroll	1	4	20	15				
Olive Branch	T. K. Woody	1	5	56	26	12	10 00		
Olivet	F. C. Shepard	1	8	28	16	12	1.48		
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkin	1	4	25	20	12	4.00		
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	1	3	25	20	12	2.80		
South Side	J. S. Canaday	1	14	100	86	12	62.85	27.50	
Tar Landing	D N. Page	1	3	40	30				
Teachey's	A. F. Bland	1	5	40	30	12	6.00		
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	1				12			
Wilmington	C. D. Weeks	1	20	226	157	12			
Willard	R T Rivenbark	1	3	30	20	12	4 00		

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.				WILLING WORKERS AND SUNBEAMS.			Other Societies.
	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	
Atkinson	2.50	1.00	2 50		1.00	1.00	3.00	
Masonboro				10.00				
South Side		7.00	7.00				7.89	
Wilmington	39 66	14 67	111 67			5.00	8.00	243.89

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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love, to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality: to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines: to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances, to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment: to avoid all talking, backsliding, and excessive anger: to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART. 6—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by the Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the interval between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

ART. 10—The Committees on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

ART 11—The Association shall not maintain fellowship, with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel Order.

ART. 12—The Association may invite Visiting and Corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

ART. 13—The Annual Session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15—This Constitution may be amended at an Annual Session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceedingsession shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the preceeding daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice, on the same question, without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

HARRELL'S STORE, N. C., October 11, 1904.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its fourth annual session with the Well's Chapel Baptist Church.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by C. H. Utley. Text: Rom. 12:1.

After which a recess of one hour was taken.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association called to order by the Moderator at 2 P. M. Prayer by F. D. Hale.

On motion G. E. Leftwich was requested to act as Clerk.

On motion to dispense with reading Letters, and same be referred to a committee of three to digest and report Wednesday, 2 P. M. Adopted.

The Roll of Churches was then called and the following delegates were enrolled:

Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, R. B. Barnhill.
Barlows Chapel—R S. Atkinson.
Berea—T. W. Stallings, H. B. Stallings.
Blackwells—G. W. Murray.
Bear Branch—F. M. Orr, W. M. Moore, O. B. Malpass.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland, J. A. Blanchard.
Brooklyn—D. L. Gore.
Canetuck Chapel—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—A. B. Rooks, S. D. Kelly.
Catherine Lake—W. E. Taylor.
Castle Haynes—
Delgado—
Emma's Chapel—S. A. Cox.
Haw Bluff—J. B. Rooks, G. D. Fisher.
Harmony—D. J. Eakin, G. Costin, W. M. Gurganus.
Jacksonville—J. W. Wheeler, W. P. Kelly.
Long Creek—J. S. Devane, J. F. Herring, J. H. Brinson.
Masonboro—Letter.
Moore's Creek—W. J. Hollingsworth, J. H. Highsmith.
Mount Holly—J. T. Brown, Isaiah Carroll.
Olive Branch—Letter.
Olivet—
Providence—
Riley's Creek—Frank Scott, Rufus Keith, W. S. Harrelson.
Shiloh—W. T. Moore.
Salem—
South Side—C. H. Utley.
Tar Landing—J. W. Wheeler.
Teachey's—Francis Savage, A. F. Bland, T. H. Rogers.
Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor, W. J. Rooks.
First Church—A. S. Holden, R. M. Wescott, G. E. Leftwich.
Willard—W. F. Brown, J. W. Dew, G. W. Johnson.
Bethlehem—A. W. Croom, W. C. Keith.

On motion the rules were suspended and the following officers were

elected by acclamation: Moderator, J. T. Bland; Vice Moderator, J. A. Smith; Clerk, G. E. Leftwich; Treasurer. R. S. Atkinson.

On motion the following Order of Business was adopted:

Tuesday, 11 a. m., Annual Sermon. 12:30 p. m., Enrollment of Delegates and Permanent Organization. 2:00 p. m., Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature. 3:00 p. m., Report on Minister's Relief. 7:30 p. m., Report on State Missions. Wednesday, 9:30 a. m., Devotional Exercises. 10:00 a. m., Report of Executive Committee. 11:00 a. m., Report on Home Missions. 12:00 m., Report on Associational History and Obituaries. 2:00 p. m., Report on Orphanage. 3:00 p. m., Report on Temperance. 7:00 p. m., Missionary Sermon, Report on Foreign Missions. Thursday, 9 a. m., Devotional Exercises. 9:30 a. m., Report on Ministerial Education. 10:30 a. m., Report on General Education. 11:30 a. m., Location of Association and Miscellaneous Business.

On motion the Rules were suspended to hear Bro. L. Johnson on State Missions.

Moderator appointed the following Committees:

Finance—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Wescott, L. K. Taylor.
Church Letters Digest—J. A. Smith, C. H. Utley, J. S. Devane.
Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

Committee on Devotional Exercises report devotional exercises tomorrow morning at 9.30 o'clock, conducted by T. J. Baker.

The Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was submitted and read by J. A. Smith.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It is said that "the press is mightier than the sword," and no one can doubt the fact that the newspapers and literature of all kinds are powerful factors in creating sentiment and moulding the opinions of men. The power of a good religious newspaper cannot be estimated, and it is a well established fact that the constant and careful readers of our religious newspapers are among the best and most aggressive members of our churches. Our papers keep them thoroughly posted as to our work both in home and foreign lands. The Baptists of North Carolina are peculiarly blessed in their denominational papers, which are the peers of any of the religious papers which are scattered broadcast over our beautiful Southland.

After seventy years of faithful service as a leader of Baptist work, and an exponent of life and thought in North Carolina, "The Biblical Recorder" still lives to produce impressions firmer than the land and more enduring than the sea.

And the "North Carolina Baptist," that mighty leader of the great moral and temperance forces of our State is the delight and pride of thousands from the mountains to the seashore.

That sparkling gem "Charity and Children," which fears naught but God, and hates naught but sin, is one of the brightest stars in the great galaxy of religious journalism, and keeps our people thoroughly posted as to affairs in the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

We strongly urge every householder in our churches to take and read all these papers by which, at such a little cost, they and their children might keep apace with the progress of Christ's kingdom, and never relapse into a state of ignorance or ignorance of our cause. It is a positive shame for Baptists not to take these valuable denominational papers, and we strongly urge all of our churches to make grand and continued efforts to put all these papers in each Baptist home.

Our minute fund ought to be increased to that extent that a copy of our Associational Minutes should be found in each home within our

bounds, for the various reports which are made each year when read in the home will give our people an enlarged conception of our work, both in home and foreign lands.

Our Southern Publishing Board at Nashville, Tenn., is striving to furnish us with a Sunday School literature in all respects worthy of the liberal patronage of the Southern Baptists. Here, also, a greatly enlarged patronage would enable them to contribute largely to the missionary operations upon the Home field.

Our "Home Field" published in Atlanta, Ga., and "Foreign Mission Journal," published at Richmond, Va., should be read by every family in our bounds. Both these journals bristle with missionary topics and breathe out the deep inspiration of that true mission spirit which should be in every Christian heart.

It would make this report too extended to refer, even in brief, to our Baptist literature in general; but sufficient is to say that our literature cannot be excelled; and God has used it as a powerful factor in making the world brighter and better, and disseminating the principals of a pure New Testament Christianity, When these principles become universal the poet's dream will be realized:

"The morning light is breaking,
The darkness disappears;
And sons of earth are waking
To penitential tears."

J. A. SMITH.

Report was discussed by J. S. Farmer, S. F. Conrad, and D. L. Gore, after which it was adopted.

Association adjourned. Benediction by S. F. Conrad.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by T. J. Baker, after which the Moderator called the Association to order.

Roll of churches called and Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

Letter from Salt Marsh Church asking for admission on Letter from Bladen County Association was read and on motion was accepted; and Moderator welcomed her delegates.

On motion of J. A. Smith rules were suspended to hear the Missionary Sermon by F. D. Hale at 11:30 A. M.

Report of Executive Committee was read by D. L. Gore, Chairman of Committee:

To the Wilmington Association:

Another year has passed since your committee reported to your body. We engaged brother J. W. Wheeler to take charge of the three missionary churches on the Onslow field. The State Board pays $25.00 per month of his salary. The field, composed of Emma's Chapel, Catherine Lake, and Tar Landing. The church at Jacksonville called bro. Wheeler as their pastor at the same time, thus making him a field of four churches. He has been successful at Emma's Chapel and Tar Landing, but at Catherine Lake he has not been able to carry on the work agreeably, and has resigned.

We employed bro. F. H. Brinson as Colporteur at $37.50 per month, and he worked four months, $150.00, which salary the Board has not paid. He seemed to have understood at first that he was only to do Colporteur's work in the Onslow field, when our Committee wanted him to visit all the churches in the Association, and while selling religious

books and getting our members to subscribe to our church papers, to also report weekly to our Chairman the state of the churches; hence, keeping us in touch with the religious work in the whole Association. Bro. Brinson resigned in July, and we employed bro. E. J. Edwards, as bro. Brinson's successor; but he got sick and has not been able to commence his work yet. We think we need more live, pushing preachers in the general work; we need our laymen infused with the great work of winning souls to Christ. We are not doing one-fourth what we should do. "So much to do and so little time to do it in." "We should consider our lives insupportable and a burden if we have not an aim to be of service to mankind in our day and generation."

If the Chairman of this Committee is a Wilmington man, then two more of the committee should be Wilmingtou men, so as to have a quorum near him. If the Chairman is from the country then two others of committee should be from near by churches, so he could readily get his committee together for urgent work. The whole committee should be called together as often as once a month if convenient, or oftener if necessary. If contiguous or near by churches would, as many as four of them, call the same pastor, and all chip in and build a parsonage, and have a few acres of cleared land attached, it woule be much better than such scattered fields as some preachers have now. It would be much better for both the pastor and the layman. We are all so busy we can't take time to attend preaching, prayer meeting, or other religious meetings; but we will have to take time to die when the summons comes. We should pay liberally to all the objects of the Convention and especially to State Missions, as we must pay to that fund enough for the Board to pay our Missionary and Colporteur. Our committee apportioned the amounts for each church to pay to this work for the year. I hope each church has done it. The country is prosperous, the Lord helps those that try to help themselves, and we are well able to liberally increase the amounts we pay to all the objects of the Convention. Let us commence the increase all along the lines at this meeting. We hope our successors will push the work along the lines we have endeavored to start it.

Yours respectfully,

D. L. GORE,
D. J. CORBETT, Sr.,
W. J. HOLLINGSWORTH,
Committee.

Report was discussed by D. L. Gore, M. C. Walton, and J. W. Wheeler, and adopted.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries was read by R. M. Wesoott.

HISTORY OF THE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION AND OBITUARIES.

The Wilmington Association was organized in the town of Burgaw, in November. 1901. It was organized by the following churches, dismissed by Letter from the Eastern Association, viz.: First Baptist Church Wilmington, Brooklyn, Burgaw, Southside, Long Creek, Riley's Creek, Caintuck, and others. It was organized simply from the fact that the territory occupied by the Eastern Association was too large for concentrated work, and it was thought advisable to divide the churches and form a new Association for more aggressive and concentrated work. The territory embraced in the Wilmington Association reaches from the lower end of Bladen county to New River, Onslow county, and from the ocean to the lower end of Sampson and Duplin counties. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, formerly pastor of the First Church, Wilmington, but now of Norfolk, Va., suggested "Wilmington," as a suitable name for the new

Association. The second session of the Association was held with the church at Long Creek, and at this session the church at Well's Chapel and others were received by Letter. The Third session was held with the church at Bethlehem, and two new churches were received: Atkinson and Harmony. The Fourth session is now being held at Well's Chapel, and the reports coming up from the churches at this and previous sessions demonstrate the wisdom of the brethren in forming a new Association. The responsibility of the Wilmington Association is great, but its possibilities are very grand. A few more years of faithful, consecrated work will make it one of the best and most successful Associations in the State.

Since the last meeting of this Association, at Bethlehem, the angel of death has removed from our midst some of our former active workers. Rev. C. B. Paul once the beloved pastor of Southside Baptist church, has passed away; a few weeks ago the Master called him up higher. We will ever cherish the memory of our beloved brother Paul, and remember his labors of love in our midst. He was a man after God's own heart and a bold defender of the faith once delivered to the saints.

The brethren who attended the meeting at Long Creek will always remember the earnest and pathetic appeal of Rev. N. A. Shelly in behalf of the destitution on the Onslow field. He was indeed the noble self-sacrificing aud consecrated Shelly, and he also has been called away to enter upon the saints everlasting rest.

Another link in the ministerial chain was broken a few months ago by the death of Rev. Benjamin Ward, who was for so many years a faithful and self-sacrificing minister of the gospel.

Among the pious laymen who have passed away, we mention the names of brother S. Cox, a faithful deacon of Emmas Chapel. We notice also the deaths of brethren Herring Murry of Berea church, and W. T. Hodges of Mt. Holly church. Both of these brethren were faithful, good men, who loved the cause of Christ and took a deep interest in all of our denominational work.

R. M. WESCOTT,
Chm. Committee.

Report was spoken to by D. L. Gore and adopted.

Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees.

COMMITTEES.

To Nominate Executive Committe—Isaiah Carroll, J. H. Brinson, Francis Savage.

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. A. Smith, L. R. Highsmith, Francis Savage.

Home Missions—Fred D Hale, W. F Bowen, W. H. Lewis.

State Missions—E. J Edwards, W. E. Taylor, G. W. Murray.

Ministerial Education—C. H. Utley, A. F. Bland, F. W. Orr.

Ministerial Relief—M. C. Walton, W. P. Kelley, J. H. Highsmith.

Orphanage—D. J Corbett, Sr., R. M. Wescott, S. A. Cox.

Periodicals and Religious Literature—Geo. E. Leftwich, R. S. Atkinson, T. W. Stallings.

Temperance—T. J Baker, W. T. Harrelson, J. B. Rooks.

Sunday Schools—R. H. Hewlett, A. S. Hollingsworth, L. K. Taylor.

General Education—E. J. Peterson. J. A. Smith, Roma Kelley.

Associational History and Obituaries—W. J. Hollingsworth, R. M. Wescott, W. H. Lewis.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read by J. W. Wheeler.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

We cannot give the number of our worn out ministers who are securing aid from our Minister's Relief Fund. We know the number is large and their needs are great, we therefore urgently commend this work to our churches and pastors and respectfully suggest that they take at least two collections a year in our churches for this object.

J. W. WHEELER.

After discussion by D. L. Gore, R. M. Wescott, F. D. Hale, S. F. Conrad, and G. E. Leftwich, was adopted.

On motion a collection was taken up for Ministerial Relief—$14.13.

After Missionary Sermon by Dr. F. D, Hale from text John 15:8, Association adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 2 P. M.

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters was read by J. A. Smith, and adopted:

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS,

We your committee submit the following report as a careful digest of Church Letters, sent to the present session of the Wilmington Association:

Number of churches, 34 Number of members, 3,202. Number of males, 1318. Number of females, 1884.

Number received during year, 67. Number received by letter, 119. Number received by restoration, 8. Total received, 194.

Loss by death, 32. Loss by expulsion, 45. Loss by letter, 131. Total loss, 208.

Net loss, 14.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

State Missions, 549.92. Home Missions, 102.54. Foreign Missions, 298.95. Gospel (Foreign) Missions, 196.15. Orphanage, 252.07. Ministerial Education, 32.45. Ministerial Relief, 66.95. The poor, 193.86. Other objects 101.59. Minute fund, 28.98.

Pastors' Salary, 4,567.00. Improvements, 3,263.40 Incidentals, 974.79. Value of church property, 58,750.00.

Total contributions for all missions, 1147.56. Total contributions for all objects, 10,659.07.

From contributing churches, 9 report nothing for Foreign Missions; 13 nothing for Home Missions; 6 nothing for State Missions; 8 nothing for the Orphanage; 24 nothing for Ministerial Education; 16 nothing for Ministers' Relief; 25 nothing for the Poor; 12 nothing for the Minute Fund; 18 report no Ladies Missionary Society; 7 churches do not report any Sunday Schools.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Number of schools, 27. Officers and teachers, 183; pupils, 1,559. School expenses, 453.66.

Churches not represented by Letter are counted as not reporting.

J. A. SMITH,
CHAS. H. UTLEY,
J. S. DEVANE,
Committee.

Brethren Croom, Devane, Fisher, Rooks, and New were excused during ballance of session

Report on Orphanage was read by J. D. Edwards:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We have now 300 children at our Orphanage. The plant is worth $160,000. The farm, shoe shop, printing plant for "Charity and Children, the sash, door, and resaw mills, and keeping in good condition the plant, furnish work for the children.

We need more money now than ever before, for we have more children. We have special need now, as we have suffered from the scourge of fever. Let us enlarge.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. EDWARDS,
Committee.

Report was discussed by G. V. Harrell and E. J. Edwards. After a collection of $20.53 report was adopted.

Report on Home Missions was read by J. A. Smith, and adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The history of our Home Board is partially an unwritten history, and not until the angels sing "Harvest Home," will its grand and successful work be fully appreciated. It was organized by our Southern Baptist Convention in the year 1845. Our Baptist fathers in that famous Convention saw a new sign in heaven in our Saviour's words: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." And they saw clearly that Foreign Missions, or the work of evangelizing the world suffers unless the churches in this home land were built up and developed to the highest degree of liberality and spiritual prosperity. Ever since the organization of the Home Board of Missions it has contributed to all the grand enterprises fostered by our Southern Baptists. It has planted New Testament churches everywhere, and built in all sections houses of worship. It has preached the everlasting Gospel to weak and destitute sections, and helped to build up and sustain schools for the education and elevation of the masses. The idea of progressive development is splendidly illustrated in the work of our Home Board, for it has kept steady pace with the material advancement and undeveloped resources of our Southland. It has followed the railroads, the telegraph and electric lines, and as new towns and cities have sprang into existence, the Home Board, with its men and means, has unfurled that grand old banner bearing the inscription, "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." Fifty years ago the Baptists of the South numbered about 450,000, and today they number over 3,000,000; and this increase is due in no small measure to the work of the Home Mission Board. And this fact suggests at once the idea that a greater work lies before the Board than ever before because of territorial expansion and a rapid increase in population. In 1845, when the Board was first established, there were about 8,000,000 of peoples in the South, and now there are 20,000,000; and out of this 20,000,000 only about 12,000,000 are professed Christians.

Now, for the benefit of the churches of this Association, it is well to refer to the fact that a valuable auxiliary to the work of the Home Mission Board is the Woman's Missionary Union, which aids the work by cash contributions and sending boxes of clothing and other necessary supplies to our frontier missionaries.

The field of the Home Missionary Board covers the entire South, including Oklahoma, the Indian Territory, and also the Island of Cuba.

A catechism on the work of the Home Mission Board has been prepared which clearly defines the work on the frontiers, in the city and factory districts, among the Indians, the foreign population, the colored people, and Cuba. The down trodden and oppressed islands, delivered a few years ago from Spanish despotism by the presence of the army and navy of the United States.

The Home Mission Board is co-operative in its work, and joins with State Mission Boards and other organized Baptist bodies in helping supply all the needy and destitution within its bounds The summary of last year's work as gathered from the Annual Report of the Home Mission Board to the Southern Baptist Convention, in Nashville, May, 1904, is as follows: Missionaries 616; weeks of labor 20,815; churches and stations 2,444; sermons and addresses 63,772; prayer meetings 12,846; religious visits 147,070; baptisms 7,526; received by letter 9,271. Total additions 16,797. Churches constituted 157; houses of worship built and improved 179; Sunday Schools organized 714; bibles and testaments distributed 18,275; tracts distributed 2,094,140. The total amount of cash received for the work of the Board from all States last year was 103.969.05, and from other sources 5,514.00. Our receipts this year from the States have been 127,850.56; and from legacies and other sources 5,704.44; a gain from all the States of 23,881.51. Every State, with the exception of two small ones, increased its contributions over previous years The aggregate net increase in cash contributions was 23 per cent.

Some one may say that it is unnecessary to give statistics in this report, but the people in this Association ought to know what their brethren are doing to extend the cause and kingdom of Christ. The real significance of Home Missions is Foreign Missions, and we can never evangelize the world until we enlighten and enlist our people at home. Let us go forward with a holy zeal, with the fire in the prophet's bones, to make our own land the paradise of God, and bring the nations of the earth to the feet of Jesus. We can make this beautiful Southland the basis of supplies from which to giving the dying millions the Bread of Life.

J. A. SMITH.

Report on Temperance was read by M. C Walton:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

It is with pleasure that we are able to report great progress in the temperance movement everywhere, and especially in our own beloved State. According to our best information at least two-thirds of the counties are now prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor under license, and the sentiment is still growing, not only from a moral but from a commercial standpoint. All business corporations and institutions and secret societies have awakened to the fact that whiskey stills and saloons, or whiskey drinking places are not in any way helpful to their success; and may Ged speed the time when there shall be no stricter temperance organization than a Baptist church, and no deliberative body more loyal to the cause of temperance than the Wilmington Association. Therefore your committee recommend that we as an Association petition the next General Assembly of North Carolina to legislate against the manufacture or sale of liquors in the State.

Respectfully submitted,

M. C WALTON,
For Committee.

After discussion by M. C. Walton, R. M. Wescott, G. E. Leftwich, and F. D. Hale, report was adopted.

Leave of absence granted M. C. Walton.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee named D. L. Gore, D. J. Corbett, W J. Hollingsworth, R. B. Moore, G. E. Leftwich.

Report adopted.

J F. Herring, J. H. Brinson, F. M. Orr, and W. H. Lewis granted leave of absence,

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Respectfully submitted,

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The following brethren discussed the report: D. L. Gore, O. J. Peterson, J. A. Smith, and G. V. Harrell. On motion report was adopted

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The business of the session being finished the Moderator asked N. B. Cobb to pronounce the benediction. After which the fourth session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Baptist Church at Teachey, on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1905.

J. T. BLAND,
Moderator.

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Clerk.

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Atkinson	1.60		47					2.00			$ 75	500.00	5.00	596.22		
Barlow's Chapel	17.35	5.40	10.00		5.75		5.60			2.00	135	5.00				$ 1000
Berea	1.90	1.00	1.50		2.00					50	100					300
Bethlehem	23.00	6 50	7.53		7.50	5.00	5.00	20.00			125		2.00			
Bear Branch	3.50									40						
Blackwell's	1.00	1 00	2.00		1.00			1.00		50						500
Burgaw	24.00	2 00		50.00	5.00		5 00			1.00						
Brooklyn	35.00	18.00	18.00				18.00					950.00	62.06	1114.06		
Canetuck	30.75	3.00	15.00		10.00	3 00	3.00				125		12.00			
Caswell	3.00	1 00	3 00		5 00	1.00	1.00	85		1.00	125				9.00	800
Catherine Lake		3 50			1.00					50						700
Castle Haynes																
Delgado																
Emma's Chapel	16.50									60	100		1.00			
Haw Bluff	2.00		2.60		1.50					50	100	25.00	7.75			400
Jacksonville	4 31	2.00	3.00		7.91		1.00	50			100	8.00		150.87		1500
Harmony	2 16	1.57	1.50		8.04		50			40	100	90.00				600
Long Creek	8.06		17.00		4.30	1.10	5.00				100					500
Masonboro	7.85	2 00	35.00		7 77	4.37	3.00		10.12	1.00	100	23.55	5.00	228.66		1000
Moores Creek	14.00	1.00	4.00		5.00	1.00	1.00			1.25	125	600.00	1.25	34.25		600
Mt. Holly	1.00	4.60	2.31		6.50		1 45			1.00	80			92.82		1000
Olive Branch																
Olivet	5.00			2.00	2.00					7						600
Providence																
Riley's Creek	21.25	5.00	7.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00			77						600

Shiloh	5.00			15.00	2.00					50	60	300.00		389 50		300
Southside	40 00	15 00	22.00		54.20	10.00	5.00	36.65	60.00	1.05	427	155.97	69.93	963.71		3000
Salem																
Tar Landing	4.00				1.00			6.00			50		5 00			
Teachey's	40.00	2.00	3.76	10.00	10.00	1.00	3.00		3.00	1.65	125					1000
Well's Chapel	5.00	3 90		104.15	5.60	2.98	5.00	6.06	2.98	2.88	175	56.25				
Wilmington	228.79	28.52	151.37	10.00	93.00			120.86		5.00	2000	1289.13	803.80	4165.74		40000
Willard	2.00	5.15	2.00	2.00	4.00		2.00		25.49	1 20	100					800
Salt Marsh	2.00	1.00	1.00		50		50			50	100	13 50		118.00		250
Totals	549.92	102.54	298.95	196 15	252.07	32.45	66.05	193.86	101.59	24.30	4567	3263.40	974.79	10659.07	9.00	58750

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.			MEMBERSHIP.		
	Baptized.	Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Died.	Letter.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Atkinson							38	32	70
Barlows Chapel		2		1			62	68	130
Berea					1		36	39	75
Betelehem		7		8	1	4	63	96	159
Bear Branch	3		1			5	29	26	55
Blackwells	2	4			1		14	20	34
Burgaw						1	51	61	112
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Castle Hanes									
Delgado									
Emmas Chapel	1	3		2	1	3	22	34	56
Haw Bluff					1		51	65	117
Jacksonville	1					1	9	18	27
Harmony							15	27	42
Long Creek	5	7				3	61	74	135
Masonboro	1				2		49	68	117
Moore's Creek	3			1	2		37	47	74
Mt. Holly		2		3	1	2	40	64	104
Olive Branch	4	1	4			1	36	47	83
Olivet						5	10	25	35
Providence									
Rileys Creek	1	2		6	3	5	42	63	105
Shiloh		2			2	1	51	80	131
Southside	1	13	1	10		20	58	14	169
Salem									
Tar Landing	10	6			1		10	13	23
Teacheys	8	2	3			4	67	78	145
Wells Chapel	1	7			1	7	115	139	254
Wilmington	5	50	2		5	41	173	207	480
Willard	11	5		8		3	40	65	105
Salt Marsh			1	1	3		27	50	77
	1	120	12	45	32	132	1354	1931	3285

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teaceers.	Number of Pupils.	Averege Attendande.	Months Open.	Expenses.	Orphanage.	Missions.	Church Improvement.
Atkinson	W. H. Lewis	1	5	48	35	12	10.95			
Barlows Chapel.	W. R Atkinson.		6	64	50		3.50			
Berea										
Bethlehem	W. R. Anderson.	1	8	50			6.00			
Bear Branch	H. C. Wilton		5	20	15					
Blackwells	E. S. Edwards		5	44	26	12	9.00			
Burgaw			5	35						
Brooklyn	J. H. McDougal		20	125	106	12	131.65			
Canetuck	T. W. Marshall.	1	5	40	26	12				
Caswell	J. L. Watson		6	37	16	12	4.50			
Catherine Lake.	W. E. Taylor		8	30	28	12	8.00			
Castle Haynes.										
Delgado										
Emmas Chapel.	Ernest Huffman.	1	6	50	32	12				
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnhill.		3	30		10	2.80			
Jacksonville	R. P. Hinton	1	7	35	28	12	22.89			
Harmony	B. C. Malpass		6	50	40	12	4.25			
Long Creek	H. F. Brinson		4	25	20	12	3.00			
Masonboro	J. P. Herrington		5	75	50	12	25.00			
Moores Creek						12				
Mt. Holly	C. Harrell.		5	44	30	12	2.60			
Olive Branch										
Olivet	F. C Shepard		7	39	20	9	2 00			
Providence										
Rileys Creek	W. W. Larkins.		5	43	35	12	5.00			
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	1	4	40	25	12	7.50			
Southside	R. B. Moore	1	15	100	79	12	67.96			
Salem										
Tar Landing	D, N. Page		4	80	60	12	12.00			
Teacheys	A. F. Bland		8	85	50	12				
Wells Chapel.	L. R. Highsmith.	1	6	75	50	12	6.08		2.00	
Wilmington	J. B. Hanby		18	220	182	12	110.73	51.38	96.92	375.00
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark.		3	30	20	12	4.00			
Salt Marsh		1	5	45	28		4.25			

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	TIME OF MEETING.
Atkinson	J A. Smith	Wilmington	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson	4th Sunday.
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st Sunday.
Berea	E. J. Edwards	Atkinson	Jo eph Brooks	Wallace	3rd Sunday.
Bethlehem	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	W. C, Keith	Keith	1st Sunday.
Bear Branch	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	C. W, R. Brinson	Montague	2nd Sunday.
Blackwelis			F. J. Dempsey	Wilmington	
Burgaw	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	
Brooklyn			A. W. Allen	Wilmington	Every Sunday.
Canetuck	R, H Hewlett	Wilmington	D. J. Corbett	Canetuck	2nd Sunday.
Caswell	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	J. L. Watson	Point Caswell	4th Sunday.
Catherine Lake			John Marshburn	Catherine Lake	
Castle Haynes					
Delgado					
Emmas Chapel	J. W, Wheeler	Tar Landing	T. A. Marshburn	Richlands	
Haw Bluff	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	L. C. Boswell	Atkinson	3rd Sunday.
Jacksonville	J. W. Wheeler	Tar Landing	R. P Hinton	Jacksonville	3rd Sunday.
Harmony	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	B. C. Malpass	Grist	4th Sunday.
Long Creek	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	Lee Walker	Burgaw	2nd Sunday.
Masonboro	O. J. Peterson	Lumberton	Adison Hewlett	Wilmington	1st Sunday,
Moore's Creek	R. H. Hewlett	Wilmington	W. J. Hollingsworth	Currie	3rd Sunday.
Mt. Holly	L. R. Carroll	Warsaw	Isaiah Carroll	South Washington	2nd Sunday.
Olive Branch			T. K- Woody	Wilmington	
Olivet	T. J. Baker	Parkton	Leslie McAlister	Rocky Point	2nd Sunday.
Providence					
Riley's C,eek	T. J. Baker	Parkton	J, D. Mahn	Rocky Point	3rd Sunday.

Shiloh	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	C. C. Woodcock	Atkinson	
Southside			J. F. Littleton	Wilmington	Every Sunday.
Salem					
Tar Landing	J. W. Wheeler	Tar Landing	D. M. Page	Tar Landing	
Teachey's	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	D. P. Teachy	Wallace	2nd Sunday.
Well's Chapel	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	L. D. Highsmith	Wallace	2nd Sunday.
Wilmington	Fred. D. Hale	Wilmington	F. T. Allen	Wilmington	Every Sunda
Willard	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	W. F. Bowen	Willard	1st Sunday.
Salt Marsh	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	R. T. Brown	Nat More	2nd Sunday.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief.
Atkinson							
Barlow's Chapel	35.00	10 00	20.00		10.0	5 00	5.00
Berea							
Bethlehem	5 00	5.00	6.00		5.00	2.50	5.00
Bear Branch							
Blackwell's	1.50	1.50			2 00		1.00
Burgaw	50 00	5 00		50 00	5 00	5.00	5.00
Brooklyn	35.00	25.00	25.00		50.00	20.00	50.00
Caintuck	20.00	5.00	15.00		10.00	5 00	10.00
Caswell							
Catherine Lake	2.00	2.00	3.00		2.00	2.00	1.00
Castle Haynes							
Delgado							
Emmas Chapel	5 00	5.00	5.00		5.00	5.00	5.00
Haw Bluff							
Jacksonville	5 00	5.00	5.00	2 00	5.00	5.00	2.00
Harmony	2.00	2.00	2 00		2.00	2 00	2.00
Long Creek	5.00			20.00	5.00	3.00	4.00
Masonboro							
Moore's Creek	15.00	1.00	5.00	5.00	8.00	2.00	2.00
Mt. Holly	10 00	5.00	5.00		5.00		5.00
Olive Branch							
Olivet							
Providence							
Rileys Creek	5.00	4.00		5 00	4 00	3 00	2,00
Shiloh							
Southside	45.00	15.00	20.00		40.00	5.00	10.00
Salem							
Tar Landing							
Teaches	40.00	5.00	10.00	10 00	15.00	5.00	5.00
Wells Chapel	10.00	5.00		4.00	10.00	5.00	5.00
Wilmington	200.00	100.00	500.00		60.00		
Willard	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Salt Marsh							

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCHES.	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.		
	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.
Brookly		5.00	
Wilmington	109.99	15.07	15.00

Obit—

Rev. C. B. Parks

Rev. N. A. Shirley

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

Moderator:
G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.
Vice-Moderator:
C. H. Utley, Wilmington, N. C.
Clerk:
C. E. McCullen, Burgaw, N. C.
Treasurer:
L. R. Highsmith, Kerr, N. C.
Executive Committe:
D J. Corbett, Sr., M. C. Walton, A. T. Herring,
W. E. Taylor and D. L. Gore.

Ministers:

M. C. Walton,	J. D. Hocutt,	J. A. McKaughan,
L. B. Boney,	W. B. Rivenbark,	Fred D. Hale,
J. A. Smith,	C. H. Utley,	J. R. Marshall,
E J. Edwards,	W. H. Davis,	L. Bryant,
J. H. Dobson,	E. Andrews,	Francis Savage.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenent with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines: to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking, backsliding, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and though inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting and continue in office until their successors are elected No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

Art 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Asssciation. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committe of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body, take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same; making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Art. 10.—The committees on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

Art. 11.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats; and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15.—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be opened by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to bnsiness, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the prooeedings of the preceding daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time; which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the association, by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committes.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

Proceedings.

TEACHEY, N. C. October 10, 1905.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its Fifth Annual Session with the Teachey Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m.

Devotional Exercises conducted by W. B. Rivenbark. Prayer by J. S, Farmer. Introductory Sermon preached by J. A. McKaughan. Text: "For me to live is Christ." Phil. 1:21.

After which a recess of one hour was taken. Benediction by C. H. Utley.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association called to order by the moderator at 1:30 p. m.

On motion, D. J. Corbett, Sr., and C. E. McCullen were appointed a committee to read the church letters.

The roll of churches was then called, the letters read and the following delegates were enrolled:

Atkinson.
Barlow's Chapel—W. T. Hall, R. S. Atkinson.
Berea—T. W. Stallings.
Bethlehem—C. H. Utley.
Bear Branch.
Blackwells—F. J. Dempsey, J. A. Westbrook.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland, C. E. McCullen, J. A. Blanchard.
Brooklyn—J. A. McKaughan.
Canetuck—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—C. H. Utley.
Catharine Lake—W. E. Taylor, John Marshburn, Sisters Ida Cox, Callie Cox.
Castle Hayne.
Emma's Chapel—By letter.
Haw Bluff.
Harmony—J. L. Costen.
Jacksonville—By Letter.
Long Creek—Geo. A Herring.
Masonboro—B. S. Mumford.
Moore's Creek—By letter.
Mt. Holly.—Isaiah Carroll, J. H. Murray, J. B. Johnson.

Olive Branch—T. K. Woody, McG. Walton, G. H. Rogers.
Olivet—N. J. Lanier, J. B. Blake.
Providence.
Riley's Creek—W. T. Harrelson, W. B Scott.
Shiloh—Wiley Moore, W. C. Dicksey, David Herring,
Salt Marsh—W. H. Squires.
Southside—W. H. Davis.
Salem.
Tar Landing—D. N. Page.
Teachey—A. F. Bland, J. D. Teachey, W. D. Teachey.
Well'sChapel—L. R. Highsmith, J. E. Page, J. B. Ennis.
Wilmington, 1st Church—A. S. Holden, G. E, Leftwich.
Willard—G. F. Dempsey, A. Turner.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the following officers were elected by acclamation:

Moderator—G. E. Leftwich.
Vice—Moderator—C. H. Utley.
Clerk—C. E. McCullen.
Treasurer—L. R. Highsmith.

Moderator appointed the following committees:
Finance—A. S. Holden, N. H. Carter, J. E. Page.
Devotional Exercises—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

The following visiting brethren were welcomed by the moderator: Braxton Craig, representing the Orphanage and Charity and Children; S. F. Conrad, of the N. C. Baptist; J. S. Farmer, of the Biblical Recorder; R. W. Grizzard, of Virginia.

On motion, Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was read and submitted by G. E. Leftwich:

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

In no period of the world's history has the press wielded such power and influence as at the present day. Recognizing this power we recommed to our pastors and churches that they urge every family to supply themselves with our denominational papers. No State can boast of a better or more up-to-date paper than the Biblical Recorder, and the Baptist family who failes to read it are the losers. The N. C. Baptist, as a champion of Baptist principles and the cause of Temperance, is yearly enlarging its already large field of usefulness Charity and Children ocoupies a place to itself and should always remain dear to the hearts of our Baptist hosts.

The Foreign Mission Journal, and Home Field are our channels of information in our foreign and home work, and nothing can take their place in creating the spirit of missions, and no Baptist family should be without them. The cost ef the above is only $3.85—less than 1¼ cents a day, and surely we can give that to our children to make them better Baptists, i. e., better Christians.

We should urge our churches to secure the literature for our schools from our own Sunday School Board and through our own store at Raleigh.

We only throw out the hint to father and mother to scan closely

the books and papers that are read by our children, lest some "tainted" thoughts may be lodged in their young brain and bring forth evil fruit to our shame and their ruin.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. Leftwich.

The report was discussed by J. S Farmer, S. F. Conrad and Braxton Craig, after which it was adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercise report:

Tuesday night 8 o'clock—Sermon by Braxton Craig.

Wednesday morning 9:30—Devotional Exercises by R. W. Grizzard.

11 a. m.—Missionary Sermon by J. A. Smith.

On motion, the following committee on Order of Business was appointed: D. J. Corbett, Sr., L R. Highsmith, J. A. McKaughan.

On motion adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Devotional Exercises conducted by R. W. Grizzard, after which the Moderator called the association to order.

Roll of churches called and minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion the following order of business was adopted:

Wednesday, 10:15 a. m.—State Missions and Executive Committe's report; 11:15 a. m.—Home Missions; 12 m.—Orphanage; 1:30 p. m.—Devotional and Miscellaneous Business; 2:30 p. m.—Foreign Missions; 3:30 p. m.—Ministerial Relief; 7:30 p. m.—Miscellaneous Business; 8 p. m.—Missionary Sermon.

Thursday, 10 a. m.—Miscellaneous Business. 10:15 a. m. —Ministerial and General Education. 10:45 a. m.—Temperance. 11:30 a. m —Sunday Schools.

On motion, it was ordered that at the end of each discussion the pledges for that object be taken.

Report on State Missions was read and submitted by W. E. Taylor.

Jesus said to His disciples: "All power is given to me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

To obey this command in the letter and spirit is the work of State Missions, for work done faithfully at this point will give a continued and universal labor in both the Home and Foreign field. Evangelization is the great work entrusted to Christ's people but we as such fall short of our whole duty when we neglect State Misdions. Two reasons assert themselves why North Carolina Baptists should send the glori-

ous gospel to the people of our beloved State. The one is because of our increasing membership, now numbering by several thousand more than any other body of Christians. The other because we emphasize as no others the glorious New Testament doctrine (a converted church membership), this being an exemplification of the believer baptized and fully organized into a working force for the growth and grogress of the redeeming kingdom in the world. Baptized believers must of necessity be missionary in spirit or they have failed to comprehend their high calling. The history of State Missions in North Carolina will set forth clearly the great value of its work. It has encouraged, yea fostered every good work in which we have been engaged. Centres of great usefulness today are but the outgrowth of well-directed effort through this agency. It has been the foundation work, so many say; yea, it is the foundation work today and will so continue for years to come, for much remains to be done. The future depends largely on the progress of this great work. God has greatly blessed the laborers; surely it has been because of their faithfulness, not ours. Listen to the teaching of figures: There are 1792 churches in our State, numbering 182,614 members (white), but of this large number of churches only 988 contributed to State Missions. Narrowing these figures down to our own Association (the Wilmington) composed of 34 churches, the whole amount contributed last year was only $549.92, and we have a membership of 3,885. Now, a glance over our last minutes will show that of the amount raised $228.78 was contributed by one church, the other 33 churches contributing only $321 14.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us wake up and do for State Missions more than we have ever done before.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Taylor,
J. H. Murray,
Committee.

Report was discusses by W. E. Taylor, Livingston Johnson. On motion, report adopted and pledges taken for State Missions.

The Moderator called the Vice-Moderator, C. H. Utley, to the chair and read and submitted the Report of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We beg to report that immediately after the meeting of the Association last year we organized with Bro. D. L. Gore as chairman, and made an offer to Bro. J. W. Wheeler to accept the Onslow field, and we would supplement his salary to make same $500. He returned to the field and the next we heard from him he had left for some Southern point. Your committee not being able to get another man to get the field together, has done nothing except to assist Catharine Lake, paying Bro. J. A. Smith $50 on salary 12 months, also employed Bro. E. J. Edwards, missionary for association, at $37.50 per month, but after 3 months resigned the work for another field. We have assisted Bro. J. D. Hocutt $35 on salary at Olivet 12 months. The above is small work for 1 year and yet your committee while ready and anxious to do more, could not find the "open door" and have been waiting the call of the churches.

We would urge our people to help in getting our churches to group together, building pastor's homes in central places and having

pefmanent fields. Instead, as is now the custom with some to get the best places to the detriment of weaker places. We would also urge our country churches to pay more liberal salaries and pastor giving one or two Sundays to a church, to spend more time in pastoral work.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY.

E. J Edwards, Missionary 3 months -	$12 50
J. A Smith, Catharine Lake, 12 months	50 00
J. D. Hocutt, Olivet, 12 months	35 00
Total	$197 50

Report was discussed by J. D. Hocutt and J. A. Smith and adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Committee to nominate Executive Committee—J. D. Hocutt, L. R. Highsmith, T. K. Woody.

On Place, Introductory and Missionary Preacher—G. A. Herring, D. N. Page, W. H. Squires.

Report on Home Missions read and submitted by Fred. D. Hale.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions, for the most part, means sending money to help our over-burdened workers on the frontier lines, to establish churches in the new and rapidly developing railroad towns, as the oncoming population is pouring into the South and West. Take, as an illustration, a section of our territory west of the Mississippi river—Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. Within the past ten years, more than three millions of people have come into these States and Territories alone—a population so vast that it exceeds the total population of the original thirteen States of our Union. These people are in search of homes and wealth, and are founding new towns which are to become the cities of this rich section in the future. But comparatively few of these new-comers are self-sacrificing, and spiritual, soul-winning Christians. They are among the most difficult of all people to reach with the pure gospel, but are comparatively easy to reach with its substitutes, and the various "isms" of the day. The State Boards cannot possibly give the needed help to the nucleus of workers at all the strategic points, and so the Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Ga., with Dr. B. D. Gray as its Corresponding Secretary, comes in with its timely help and gives aid in emergency cases, establishing. at important points, many a church which develops into a tower of strength for the Baptist cause. Take the First church at Dallas, Texas, as an illustration. The Home Board has been at work thus for 60 years, and nearly all of the older and strong churches of the South and West were either founded or helped by this Board. They have paid back into the treasury of the denomination a thousand times more than they cost, and have become the great factors in sending the gospel to the foreign nations, for most of the money for Foreign Missions comes from the financially strong city churches, which were helped in their infancy by the Home Mission Board. One of the most intensely practical ways of working for Christ is to invest money in our frontier missions. In addition to sustaining missionaries, the Home Board loans money to young and weak churches, struggling to build

suitable houses of worship in anticipated centres of population.

In the Indian Territory and Oklahoma there are today more than 400 homeless churches, and in Texas more than 1500 which, for lack of funds, the Home Board cannot help, at once, to build. As soon as one church is housed, two others, newly organized, are calling for help. The 700 missionaries of the Home Board, the past year, baptized more than 10.500 converts, and received more than 10,000 by letter. Such a record has never bee known in the history of the organization. A hundred thousand meetings were held, and 175,000 religious visits were made, talking and praying, and distributing Bibles and tracts. The problems of Southern and Western Baptists are "the city problem," and "the foreign population" problem. The cities are the centres of worldliness, and vice and heresy. If we do not Christianize our foreign population, they will heathenize us. If we do not Americanize our foreign population, they will foreignize us. More than 1,000,000 immigrants have landed on our shores in the past year.

Because of its persecution and misrepresentation, the Home Board has had its friends to financially stand by it the past year as never before in its career—nearly $150,000 having been placed in its hands for use in its field of service. Because of lack of information, and prejudice, many Baptists have withheld their practical support.

We would recommend that you subscribe for their little monthly paper, "The Home Field," (ten cents a year) and keep informed in reference to their work, and money will be forthcoming for the support of their missionaries.

In this report we have sought to emphasize one department of the Home Board work, viz: the frontier field, rather than try to cover the whole ground—including the Cuban, the Negro, and the Mountain fields.

FRED D. HALE.

Discussed by Dr. F. D. Hale, after which it was adopted and pledges taken for Home Missions.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by D. J. Corbett, Sr.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

A leading trust of Christianity is help for the helpless. The miracles of Jesus present many proofs of Jesus' compassionate nature. To Him the friendless and needy were ever objects of tenderness and special care, Jesus took pains to lay special stress upon the spirit of the good Samaritan. He was one of the few Jesus highly commended. This good man from Samaria beautifully exemplified the Christ spirit. His spirit was and is the spirit that cares for the orphan child. This is the spirit of the Golden Rule. Every Christian is the guardian of an orphan child. To feed, clothe, educate and provide a home for the orphan is to render loving service to Jesus himself Christians are to be Christlike; Christlikeness is the test of Christ's disciples. Caring for the orphan develops in a striking way the traits of Him who's highest eulogy was that "He went about doing good" Every true Christian's heart must yearn to help the motherless and fatherless child, but sympathy alone is not enough.

In our own Orphanage at Thomasville we are caring for 275 orphan children, and before another Association convenes more than 300 are expected. Just one year ago an epidemic of typhoid fever, due to sanitary conditions, made it necessary to put in a sewerage system, leaving the institution nearly $12,000 in debt. The Board of Trustees acted

wisely in thus providing against another similar outbreak of fever.

Now, the churches throughout the State need to increase their contributions, looking to the care of 300 children and the payment of the present indebtedness. We therefore urge every church in our Association to double the pledges for the following year. Last year we plepged only $241.00; this year we ought to raise $500. Some churches can well afford to more than double their contributions. "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto the least of these ye did it not unto me."—Jesus.

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. Corbett, Sr.

Report was discussed by Braxton Craig and roll of churches called and pledges taken and a cash collection for the Orphanage amounting to $20 30. Report was adopted.

On motion the following resolution offered by M. C. Walton was adopted:

"Resolved, That the churches in this Association hold Thanksgiving Services on the National Thanksgiving day and take collection for the purpose of lifting the present indebtedness of the Orphanage."

Committee on Devotional Exercises report W. H. Davis to conduct Devotional Exercises at 2:15.

On motion adjourned.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association convened at 2:15. Devotional Exercises conducted by W. H. Davis.

Association called to order by Moderator at 2:30.

Moderator announced the following standing Committees:

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. T. Bland, Isaiah Carroll, W. E. Taylor.

Temperance—W. H. Davis, W. T. Hall, A. S. Holden.

Foreign Missions—F. D. Hale, A. F. Bland, F. J. Dempsey.

State Missions—C. H. Utley, G. F. Dempsey, David Herring.

Ministerial Relief—J. D. Hocutt, W. B. Scott, J. B. Blake.

Orphanage—M. C. Walton, G. A. Herring, B. S. Mumford.

Associational History and Obituaries—D. L. Gore. R. S. Atkinson, T. K. Woody.

Sunday Schools—J. A. Smith, W. D. Teachey, E. S. Hancock.

General Education—C. E. McCullen, Francis Savage, G. F Dempsey.

Home Missions—W. B. Rivenbark, Frank Scott, T. W. Stallings.

Ministerial Education—J. A. McKaughan, John Marshburn, W. E. Taylor.

To Digest Church Letters—W. B. Rivenbark, R. M. Wescott, J. T. Bland.

Report on Foreign Missions read and submitted by J. A. Smith.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In this enlightened age there is scarcely an intelligent individual who does not understand the meaning of the expression, "Foreign Missions." It is the work of sending the gospel to the nations who are in a state of heathen darkness. The grandest and most inspiring work on earth is that of evangelizing the whole world. God has promised His Son that the heathen shall be given to him as an inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth as a possession. This promise is going to be fulfied, and God's work is going on from conquest to conquest, and from victory to victory until the knowledge of God shall cover the whole earth, even as the waters cover the face of the mighty deep.

We are living in one of the most inspiring periods in the history of Christianity, when God's people should seize every opportunity to conquer the whole world for Christ.

The divine command to preach the gospel to every creature cannot be disregarded, and will not by any true Christian on earth. Where the love of God abounds in the heart there is a desire to do His will in sending the gospel to all nations Our personal interest in his cause is unmistakable evidence of devotion and reverence for His name. The Intelligent Christian world comprehends the necessity and vast importance of missionary work. The great life work of Christians is to exercise upon others the saving power conferred upon themselves We live in deeds and not in years; deeds that purify, elevate and refine. We do not live for ourselves alone, but for all mankind. The Christian life is one of expansion, and the grand idea of the Christian life is to give the gospel to all mankind.

Unbelief in Foreign Missions is one of the greatest sins of the age. A large per cent of professed Christian people think that unbelief in Foreign Missions is simply a fault and nothing more. We have thought of the unbeliever in Foreign Missions as one who is simply weak in the faith, prejudiced, narrow and covetous, it may be, and as one who is simply living beneath his privileges as a Christian. We overlook the fact that all this is sin, and that such a one is living in sin as long as he lives and acts as an unbeliever in Foreign Missions. Like the rich young man in the gospel, he may be able to say, "All these things have I kept from my youth up," but still there is a fatal defect in life and character, and the great sin of omission is a failure to respond to, "The Macedonian cry" come over and help us.

Christ says, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and a great many who call themselves Christians say, "I will not go, and I will not help others to go." Christ had compassion on him and forgave him a tremendous debt, but he refuses to have any compassion on them. The Holy Spirit says go, but he grieves the spirit and says I will not go, or allow my money. influence or prayers to go. Christ says ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, Samaria, Judea, and to the uttermost parts of the earth, but the unbeliever in missions says, "No Lord" I cannot bear this testimony. The unbeliever in Foreign Missions is neither humane or philanthropic, for

it is a God ordained plan for the betterment and uplifting of fallen humanity.

In addition to saving the souls of men, it plants in every land new social. political and religious ideals. It imparts new life which springs up in a thousand different forms.

Modern Japan, with her recent attainments and wonderful success on land and sea is in no small measure the result of missionary effort and leadership. A Japanese writer says, "Look at Japan; our forty-six millions have a higher standard of morality than ever before; there is not a boy or girl in the empire that has not heard of the one man wife doctrine; our ideas of loyalty and obedience are higher than ever. And when we inquire the cause of this great moral advance, we find it nothing less than the power of the religion of Jesus Christ." This is powerful testimony coming from Japan, and what is true of Japan is also true of every other nation under heaven. It is the religion of Jesus Christ which changes the conditions and lifts up fallen humanity. That individual, therefore. who refuses to join in the work of missions does not appear to be human in feeling, much less Christian. This is strong language, but the Bible and human history is behind the statement.

In the Wilmington Association we have a membership of 3,285, and last year our churches which contributed sent up sixteen cents per capita, and nine did not report a cent. In the light of such facts how can we call ourselves a missionary body ?

There is some cause for such a fearful deficit and we should at once examine in the cause, and as Christians do all in our power to prevent this shame and humiliation.

We have now upon the foreign field 187 missionaries, distributed as follows:

In South China, twenty-six missionaries; In Central China, twenty eight missionaries; in North China, twenty-nine missionaries; Interior China, four missionaries; Africa, eighteen missionaries; Italy, five; Brazil, thirty-one; North Mexico, eleven; South Mexico, twelve; Japan fourteen; Argentine Republic, nine.

All these stations are calling for more men and money, and nothing but covetousness prevents all these stations from being re-inforced and new ones established. Something ought to be done at once in our Association to change existing conditions. This is a matter which should claim the serious attention of all our pastors and churches. A Ladies Mission Society should be in all our churches, and our prayer-meetings and Sunday schools should be filled with the missionary spirit.

We recommend that our pastors preach as often as possible on the subject of Foreign Missions, and we advise our members by all means to subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and also read as many books as they can on the subject.

We, also, recommend that those in charge of our Sunday School Library procure as much mission literature as possible for the children. Let us have a general awakening among all our churches in regard to the importance of the work which will carry the gospel to earth's remotest bounds. Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH.

Discussed by J A. Smith, Livingston Johnson. Pledges taken for Foreign Missions and report adopted.

Committee on Place and Preachers report as follows:

Place—Brooklyn church, Wilmington.

Introductory Sermon—Fred D. Hale.
Alternate—C. H. Utley.
Missionary Sermon—M. C. Walton.
Alternate W. H. Davis.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and submitted by M. C. Walton·

AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

According to our best information there are at present 24, male and female, that are aged and infirm preachers, and widows of some who have gone to their reward. These are being helped by this Board and receive from $20 to $65 per annum.

Our attention was called by the North Carolina Baptist not long ago to the fact that from August, 1903, to August, 1904, the churches contributed $676.15; the contribution for 1903 was $465.16; from 1903 to 1904 the contributions were $211 more than the previous year; from 1904 to 1905 it was $816.62, only an advance of $145.36 over our previous year, and so while we are making progress it is slow.

Dear brethren, can we stand by and see those who have worn themselves out and are in the decline of life suffer for the comforts of life? Or can we ignore the needs of the widows of those who have fallen at the post of duty? May the God whom they served and in whose service they have worn themselves out incline the hearts of his people to do more for their relief than has been done in the past; we therefore recommend that all the churches in this association take at least two collections a year for this object and that the churches in this association have at least an hour's service on each Christmas day and take a collection for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted, M. C. Walton.

Discussed by M C. Walton. Pledges taken and report adopted.

Brethren Walton, Hall, Harrelson, Scott, Hocutt and Woody granted leave of absence.

Financial Committee report as follows, which is adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned, beg leave to submit report as follows:

Associational Missions	$ 10 00
State Missions	137 18
Home Missions	47 08
Foreign Missions	78 65
Ministarial Education	24 49
Ministerial Relief	68 47
Orphanage	125 09
Gospel Missions	7 00
Sunday School Missions	50
D. W. Herring	10 00
Minutes	31 24
Woman's Missionary Society (Teachey) for D. W. Herring	9 00
Total	$547 70

A. S. Holden,
N. H. Carter,
J. E. Page,
Finance Committee.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submitted by J. A. Smith, which, without discussion, was adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY AND OBITUARIES.

Four annual sessions of the Wilmington Association have been held since its organization in the town of Burgaw, Nov. 1901. We are now assembled in our Fifth Annual Session to extend our cordial Christian greetings and congratulate each other that during the past associational year we have been marvelously spared from disease, accident, death and sore bereavement The reports coming up from the different churches and the reports as read and discused by our different committees indicate that we are making progress along all lines of Christian work and that the Wilmington Association is destined in the near future to make its power and influence to be felt in this section and throughout the entire State. It will be our future grand achievement which will enable us to make a record of which one day we will be justly proud. If we work today, after we are dead and gone our successors in carrying on the work of the Wilmington Association can rise up and call us blessed, and say, "Our fathers labored and we have entered upon their labors."

Since the last meeting of our Association at Wells Chapel, the angel of death has entered some of the Christian homes within our bounds and has severed some strong and tender ties. Sister Julia Colwell, a beautiful and charming young lady and a consistent member of Wells Chapel, a few months ago, fell a victim to Typhoid fever and has left a large host of friends to mourn her loss. Sister Colwell the beloved wife of our esteemed brother, Frank Colwell, of Harrel's Store, after weeks and months and years of suffering she entered into rest. She was a valuable and consistent member of Wells Chapel church.

During the past year Harmony church has sustained a great loss in the death of Bro. B. C. Malpass who was a strong supporter of his church and in full sympathy with all lines of our denominational work. God has also seen fit to remove from our Association Bro. Jackson Moore who died Sept. 14, 1905. He was one of Pender county's aged and esteemed citizens. He had been a follower of Christ for many years and was a consistent member of Long Creek Baptist church. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and a kind and loving father. He was an old Confederate soldier and fought both for God and his country. He fought the good fight and has entered his reward.

If there has been any other special changes or deaths within our bounds the facts have not been communicated to your committee.

It is also with sadness we report the death of Bro Josiah Hanby, a prominent and influential member of the First Baptist church of Wilmington, N. C. He was loved and respected by all who knew him, and his life was one of charity and benevolence.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. Wescott.

On motion, $12.00 sent up by Emma's Chapel was turned over to Raxton Craig for the Orphanage.

Committe to nominate Executive Committe report as follows, which is adopted:

Your committee to nominate Executive Committee beg

leave to report:

We recommend that the following brethren be appointed: D. J. Corbett, Sr., M C. Walton, A. T. Herring, W. E. Taylor, D. L. Gore. Rsspectfully submitted,

J. D. HOCUTT,
L. R. HIGHSMITH,
T. K. WOODY.

On motion, the moderator, G. E. Leftwich, was added to the committee as ex-officio chairman.

The treasurer reports as follows, which, without discussion, is adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of the Association I received the following amounts for the objects specified:

Minute Fund, -	$ 31.24.	Associational Missions, -	$ 10.00
State Missions, -	137.18.	Home Missions, - -	47.08
Foreign Missions, -	78.65.	Ministerial Education, -	24.49
Ministerial Relief, -	68.47	Orphanage, - - -	125.09
Gospel Missions, -	7.00.	S. S. Missions, - -	.50
D W. Herring, -	19.00.	Total, $547.70.	

Oct. 11th, 1905. L. R. HIGHSMITH.

On motion, adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

The association convened at 7:30; prayer by C. M. Rock. On motion, D. J. Corbett was elected delegate to the Baptist State Convention at Raleigh, and F. J. Dempsey alternate.

On motion, Fred D. Hale was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and R. S. Atkinson alternate. On motion, D. L. Gore was appointed member of the State Mission Board from the Wilmington association.

On motion, adjourned to hear missionary sermon by J. A. Smith.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

9:30 a m. Devotional exercises, conducted by C. M. Rock.

10:00 a. m. Association called to order by the moderator, minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.

On motion, the clerk of the association was ordered to notify the clerk of each church in the association of the amount apportioned the churches to defray the expenses of the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and ask them to send the amount to the treasurer of the association before the convention meets.

Report on general education read and submitted by J. A. Smith.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

No subject of much greater importance can be brought before this Asssociation than that of General Education. In fact, it precedes all others in importance when we recall the fact that our denominational power and progress in the world is in direct proportionment to the enlightment of our people. If there is such a thing as monopoly in intellectual culture and an enlargement of the mind, we, as a people, are just as much entitled to said monopoly as those who claim preeminence in the culture demanded by modern times. Ironic allusions to "Baptist ignorance and narrow-mindedness" are back numbers and strictly out of date, for we are the advance guard in the great education movement of the twentieth century.

The Baptists of North Carolina outnumber other religious organizations. and year after year their numbers increase from the mountains to the seashore. In point of wealth. social, moral and intellectual culture they will compare favorably with any other people however pretentious, and yet our people as a class are slow to grasp the idea that mind rules the destiny of the hour, and that the intellectual culture demanded by modern times is far in advance of past ages While we have great reasons for rejoicing in the dawn of a brighter and better day, we would emphasize the great importance of keeping prominently before the minds and hearts of our people the subject of a general and higher education all along the lines.

We are the last people on earth that can afford to neglect the education of our people, and especially those who are destined in the providence of God to become the leaders of the great Baptist hosts in the church, the pulpit and all the relations of life.

We are all living in that illustrious period of the world's history when mind rules the destiny of nations and individuals. And that individual, church, section or community which ignores or neglects this indisputable fact is going to be weighed in the balance and found wanting. Knowledge is power and especially that intellectual knowledge which is sanctified and strengthened by the grace of God. And this leads to the thought that education, or the development of the mind, should be christian. No education, however thorough it may be in the arts and sciences, is complete unless it develops the moral as well as the mental side of the man ond draws out his faculties toward God and Christ. The individual whose mental faculties have been dwarfed by passion, prejudice, and sin is a dangerous element in society and a powerful factor which can be used at any time to undermine the foundations of both church and state.

We believe it is the duty of all our State Institutions to enforce a high standard of morality, but is not the duty of the State to furnish catechisms or teach religious dogma. This comes naturally and properly within the sphere of our denominational schools to teach the grand truths of the Christian religion, as well as the art and sciences. We thank God that we have arrived at that illustrous period in our history, as a denomination, when we can furnish just such schools as will compare favorably with any in the United States.

All of our institutions of learning are worthy of our cordial support, high esteem and liberal patronage. Among them stands Wake Forest, the great Baptist College, not only of North Carolina, but this entire southland. We can point with pride also to Buie's Creek Academy whose phenomenal success is the wonder of the times.

In addition to the excellent institutions we have already mentioned

with pardonable pride, we refer to several fine schools we have for the education of girls and young women.

We refer to Chowan Baptist Female College, located at Murfreesboro, N. C. For years it has been sending forth splendidly educated young women to fill important positions in life.

We refer, also, to the Oxford Female Seminary located at Oxford, N. C. This Institution has done, is still doing, and is going to do the great work of female education. Last, but not least, we menton in this report the great Baptist University for Women in full blast in the city of Raleigh. Let us by our prayers and liberality make these Institutions the best in the South. We are Carolinians and Baptists, and it is our duty to build up and glorify our own State.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. SMITH

Report on ministerial education read and submitted by C. H. Utley.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The time has come when every Baptist minister must be educated. The churches are demanding well equipped men. The demand for men was never so great as now. In the last Baptist State Convention the leading discussion was the need of well qualified men. Now, it would be solemn mockery for the churches to pray God to call men into the ministry and then not send their gifts along with their prayers. God is calling for men; this he has always done. The call to the churches is no less binding upon them than upon the ministry to make it possible for these men called in response to their prayers to enter their life work with the best possible equipment. There are 58 men at Wake Forest now receiving help from the Board of Education. Last year 47 were aided—11 more this year than last—and others may apply during the year. The salary of our pastors is entirely too low to involve themselves in debt for an education. In most cases it would be impossible to pay the debt.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. UTLEY, For Com.

Reports were discussed by J. A Smith and C. H. Utley. Pledges taken for ministerial Education and both reports adopted.

Report on temperance read and submitted by Fred D. Hale.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Whereas, The liquor traffic is one of the most potent evils of modern times, more destructive than the three curses—war, pestilence and famine, filling our jails with criminals, our land with paupers and bringing untold sorrow to thousands of homes, and

Whereas, The few remaining places in North Carolina where intoxicating liquor is manufactured and sold are a menace to the communities where the traffic has been abolished, therefore

Resolved, 1. That we hereby express our unqualified condemnation of the liquor traffic, and our belief that its total annihilation throughout the entire State would be for the best intererts of the people.

Resolved 2. That a committee of three from this body be appointed to convey this preamble and resolution to the next General Assembly of North Carolina and urge that a constitutional amendment abolishing the manufacture and sale of liquor be submitted to the qualified voters of the State.

Resolved 3. That we hereby express to the Governor of North

Carolina, the Hon. R. B. Glenn, our appreciation of the high ground and noble stand he has taken on this question.

FRED D. HALE.

Report discussed by Fred D. Hale, J. A. Smith, C. H. Utley, John Marshburn, C. M. Rock, and adopted.

On motion, rules were suspended for pastor W. B. Rivenbark to make a statement with regard to the debt incurred in building the pastor's home at Teachey

The following resolution was offered by J. A. Smith, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Teachey church and the citizens of the community for their cordial and generous hospitality.

The Moderator granted leave of absence to G. A. Her-Herring, D. J. Corbett, C. H. Utley, D N. Page.

Committee on devotional exercises report Francis Savage to conduct devotional exercise in the afternoon.

On motion, adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association convened at 1:30 p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by Francis Savage, after which the association was called to order by the moderator. Isaiah Carroll was granted a final leave of absence, having learned of the serious illness of his brother, and the sympathy of the association was tendered to him.

On motion, report on Sunday School statistics was read and submitted by the clerk.

TEACHEY, N. C., October 11, 1906.

To the Moderator and Nembers Wilmington District Wilmington Association:

Brothers:—You committee on Sunday School Statistics beg leave to state that they are sorry to report that their efforts in the matter of securing the statistics have not met with the response hoped for, but this may have been due in part to the fact that we were unable to secure the proper address of the school superintendents, and addressed them in many cases to the pastor in charge. We prepared a necessary form and mailed 43 of these with letter requesting prompt attention to this matter. Up to the present time we have received but 8 replies, which we are glad to state, show, in nearly every one, an improvement in every department over the report made at our last meeting. We herewith submit the reports received for whatever disposition your body may deem proper.

Respectfully,

A. S. HOLDEN,
L. K. TAYLOR.
Committee.

Report discussed by J. A. Smith, Geo. E. Leftwich, J. T. Bland, W. H. Davis, F. D. Hale, and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by J. A. McKaughan, and adopted without discussion:

RESOLVED: That one session of the Union Meeting of the Association be devoted to the consideration of Sunday school work and subjects:

That the Union arrange for the time at the next meeting of the Union; and that the Executive Committee be requested to prepare the program for the meeting.

The business of the session being finished the Moderator asked C. M. Rock to pronounce the benediction. After which the fifth session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Brooklyn Baptist church in Wilmington on Tuesday after the second Sunday in Oct. 1906.

G. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator

C. E. MCCULLEN, Clerk.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	For. Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Poor	Other Objects	Minute Fund	Pastor's Salary	Improvements	Church Expenses	Total	Value Church Property
Atkinson	$ 1 00	$ 50	$ 50	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 75	$ 75 00	$ 103 00	$ 78 75	$ 259 25	$ 800
Barlow's Chapel	17 32	9 16	1 32		9 16	4 58	4 62		26 51	2 00	135 00		1 64	226 24	1000
Berea	3 00	1 00	1 50		2 50				4 00	50				8 50	300
Bethlehem	7 00	5 00	6 00		7 00	2 50	5 00	8 00			125 00	60 25	50 00	279 75	600
Bear Branch															
Blackwell's	4 00		1 00	50 00	4 00		1 00		9 00	1 50			12 00	151 00	500
Burgaw	15 00	5 00			5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00	1 50	120 00		35 00		1500
Brooklyn	28 00	25 10	27 00		61 00		25 00	18 75	50 00	2 00	1000 00		527 69	1147 06	1000
Caintuck	13 00	5 00	15 00		13 00		10 00			1 50	125 00		40 00	222 50	300
Caswell	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00					50	60 00		4 00	70 00	800
Catherine Lake	2 00	2 00	3 00		2 00	2 00	1 00				75 00	700 00			700
Castle Hayne															
Emmas Chapel	6 00	4 50		4 00	3 11	1 00		2 38	7 61	1 50				12 00	750
Haw Bluff	4 26	2 86	3 63		5 00	5 00	1 00		29 51	1 50	120 00		35 00	126 15	
Jacksonville	6 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	2 00		1 00		7 00	50	100 00		11 00	321 29	1500
Harmony	1 30	1 00	2 00												
Long Creek	1 34	4 20		20 00	3 00	2 78	3 00		25 00	30	100 00				600
Masonboro	3 00	2 00	2 0.	16 50	2 00	2 10	2 20		4 41	1 00	125 00				500
Moore's Creek	15 00	1 00	5 00	5 00	8 00	2 00	2 00		15 00	1 44	125 00		18 85		500
Mt. Holly	7 00	3 00	4 00		6 00				6 00	1 00	100 00				600
Olive Branch	13 90				13 90	2 00	2 00		6 10	1 00	60 00				1000
Olivet	4 00			2 00	2 32				5 25	70	25 00		3 10	96 90	400
Providence															600
Riley's Creek	2 05	2 15			3 00	1 31	1 22			80	148 00	100 00			600
Shiloh	5 00	1 00		10 00	2 90		1 00			52	60 00	1 16 38	60 06	942 59	4000
Southside	1 00	1 00													
Salem	45 00	15 00	20 00		40 00	6 00	10 00	28 44	98 63	1 25	447 76				
Salt Marsh	2 50				3 00										
Tar Landing		1 00	1 00							50	60 00	10 00	4 25		200
Teachey					1 00					25					
Wells Chapel	40 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	5 00	5 00			2 50					
Wilmington	15 00		400 00	5 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	2 00		2 63	175 00				
Willard	214 90	209 11	674 27	6 00	73 44	10 00	10 00	104 75	135 00	5 00	2000 00	289 60	915 54	639 63	4000
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TOTALS	478 78	314 06	802 37	115 50	304 62	55 27	97 04	104 32	498 08	32 80	5901 88	1569 29	1766 78		69150

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	P. O.	CLERKS.	P. O.	Sunday of Meeting.
Atkinson	J A Smith	Wilmington	C A Barnhill	Atkinson	3rd
Barlow's Chapel	M C Walton	Burgaw	R S Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st
Berea	J D Hocutt	Ashton	Joseph Rooks	Wallace	2nd
Bethlehem	C H Utley	Wilmington	W C Keith	Keith	1st
Bear Branch					
Blackwell	M C Walton	Burgaw	D J Watson	Wilmington	3rd
Burgaw	J T Albritton	Calypso	C E McCullen	Burgaw	3rd
Brooklyn	J A McKaughan	Wilmington	A A Allen	Wilmington	Each
Caintuck	C H Utley	Wilmington	D J Corbett, Sr.	Currie	2nd
Caswell	C H Utley	Wilmington	J L Watson	Point Caswell	1st
Catherine Lake	J A Smith	Wilmington	John Marshburn	Catherine L.	4th
Castle Hayne					
Emmas Chapel			T A Marshburn	Richlands	1st
Haw Bluff	J H Dohson	Atkinson	L C Boswell	Atkinson	3rd
Jacksonville	E Andrews	Swansboro	R P Hinton	Jacksonville	3rd
Harmony			L P Rooks	Ivanhoe	4th
Long Creek	M C Walton	Burgaw	L L Walker	Burgaw	2nd
Masonboro	M C Walton	Burgaw	Addison Hewlett	Wilmington	4th
Moore's Creek	C H Utley	Wilmington	W J Holl'sworth	Currie	3rd
Mt. Holly	W B Rivenbark	Teacheys	Isiah Carroll	So. Wash'ton	4th
Olive Branch	J D Hocutt	Ashton	T K Woody	Wilmington	2nd
Olivet	J D Hocutt	Ashton	Leslie McAlister	Rocky Point	1st
Providence					
Riley's Creek			J D Mahn	Rocky Point	3rd
Shiloh	J D Hocutt	Ashton	C C Woodcock	Atkinson	3rd
Southside	W H Davis	Wilmington	J F Littleton	Wilmington	Each
Salem					
Salt Marsh	C H Utley	Wilmington	R T Brown	Nat Moore	2nd
Tar Landing			D N Page	Jacksonville	
Teachey	W B Rivenbark	Teacheys	B P Teachey	Wallace	2nd
Wells Chapel	J A Smith	Wilmington	L D Highsmith	Willard	2nd
Wilmington	Fred D. Hale	Wilmington	F. T. Allen	Wilmington	Each
Willard			W F Bowen	Willard	

DENOMINATIONAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Additions			Losses			Membership		
	Baptized	Letter	Restored	Excluded	Died	Letter	Males	Females	Total
Atkinson	13	16			1		41	63	104
Barlow's Chapel				15			46	68	114
Berea					1		35	38	73
Bethlehem	8	3				3	62	93	155
Bear Branch									
Blackwell	13	4		3		1	23	25	48
Burgaw	1	4			3	10	44	60	104
Brooklyn	21	24	4		1	15	74	126	200
Caintuck	7	1			1	3	59	84	143
Caswell	1					6	21	48	69
Catherine Lake		2					5	16	21
Castle Hayne									
Emmas Chapel							18	34	52
Delgado									
Haw Bluff	2	3		2	2	5	47	63	110
Jacksonville	1	3				1	12	18	30
Harmony	10	1			1		19	32	51
Long Creek	3		1	2	4		58	72	130
Masonboro						9	46	61	107
Moore's Creek	12	9					48	55	103
Mt. Holly	14		1			2	49	73	122
Olive Branch	2	2	1		1	1	37	48	85
Olivet	7					1	14	31	45
Providence									
Riley's Creek			1	23			45	58	103
Shiloh	7		3			2	60	125	185
Southside	14	14	1	20	2	7	56	112	168
Salem									
Salt Marsh	2					2	24	51	75
Tar Landing							7	13	20
Teachey	1	5			1	1	67	78	145
Wells Chapel	1	2		1	2	3	109	139	248
Wilmington	67	85	10	11	7	44	207	373	580
Willard						1	36	65	101
TOTAL	207	178	22	77	27	117	1369	2122	3491

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPT.	P. O.	Baptisms from School	Average Attendance	Months Open	Papers & Quarterlies taken	Volumes in Library	No. of Schools	Officers & Teachers	Scholars	Total
Atkinson	W H Lewis	Atkinson	9	75	12	48		1	5	103	108
Barlow's Chapel.											
Berea.											
Bethlehem											
Bear Branch					8	50	50	1	5	30	35
Blackwell's	T A Watson	Wilmington	1	30	12	37		1	8	51	59
Burgaw	J T Bland	Burgaw		25	12	50		1	4	30	34
Brooklyn	C C Rice	Wilmington	15	120	12			1	16	140	156
Caintuck			7	20				1	5	32	37
Caswell	J L Watson	Pt. Caswell		22	12	3		1	4	38	42
Catherine Lake											
Castle Hayne											
Emmas Chapel											
Haw Bluff											
Jacksonville	M B Humphrey	Jacksonville	1	24	12	81		1	7	39	46
Harmony	J L Costin	Ivanhoe	10	50	12	54		1	7	69	76
Long Creek	J H Brinson	Currie		25	12			1	3	25	28
Masonboro	J P Herring	Wilmington		45	12			1	5	80	85
Moore's Creek	W J Holl'worth	Currie	8	15	12	18		1	7	20	27
Mt. Holly	A Carroll	So. Wash'ton.	12	30	10	24		1	5	55	60
Olive Branch	Wilson Rogers	Wilmington		30	6	40		1	8	55	33
Olivet	N J Lanier	Rocky Point	7	18	12	28		1	8	30	38
Providence											
Riley's Creek.				24	12			1	6	25	31
Shiloh	W T Moore	Ivanhoe		40	12			1	6	60	66
Southside	R B Moore	Wilmington	10	70	12	150	75	1	13	70	83
Salem											
Tar Landing	D N Page	Jacksonville		30				1	4	42	46
Teachey	A F Bland	Teacheys		40	12			1	8	85	93
Wells Chapel	L R Highsmith	Kerr			12						
Wilmington	John R Hanby	Wilmington	57	233	12			1	26	304	330
Willard	R T Rivenbark	Willard		20	12	45		1	3	30	33
Salt Marsh	J H Squires	Nat Moore	2	38	12	48		1	5	60	65

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Gospel Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief
Atkinson							
Barlow's Chapel	20 00	10 00	15 00		15 00	5 00	5 00
Berea	2 00	3 00			5 00	2 00	
Bethlehem	10 00	7 50	10 00		10 00	10 00	3 50
Bear Branch							
Blackwell's	3 00	2 00	2 00		2 00	1 00	2 00
Burgaw	40 00	5 00		50 00	10 00	5 00	5 00
Brooklyn	40 00	30 00	40 00		75 00	25 00	25 00
Caintuck	20 00	10 00	15 00		20 00	10 00	10 00
Caswell	2 50	2 50	2 50		2 50	2 00	1 00
Catherine Lake	7 50		3 00		4 00	2 00	2 00
Castle Hayne							
Delgado	1 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00
Emmas Chapel	7 50					2 50	
Haw Bluff							
Jacksonville							
Harmony							
Long Creek	5 00			20 00	5 00	3 00	5 00
Masonboro	5 00	2 00	5 00		10 00		2 00
Moore's Creek	15 00	5 00	5 00		16 00	5 00	3 00
Mt. Holly	10 00	5 00	5 00		10 00		3 00
Olive Branch	5 00	5 00	5 00		5 00		
Olivet	4 00			2 00	2 50		
Providence							
Riley's Creek	5 00	4 00	5 00		8 00		3 00
Shiloh							
Southside	45 00	20 00	20 00		45 00	10 00	10 00
Salem							
Tar Landing	1 00	1 00			1 00	1 00	
Teachey	40 00	10 00	10 00		30 00	5 00	5 00
Wells Chapel	10 00	10 00		400 00	15 00	10 00	5 00
Wilmington	300 00	200 00	600 00		120 00	25 00	25 00
Willard	5 00				4 00		
Salt Marsh	2 00	1 00	1 00		1 00	1 00	1 00

Society Contributions.

CHURCHES.	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.					B. Y. P. U.		WILLING WORKERS.						Y. L. A. S.
	Building & Repair	State Missions	Home Missions	For. Missions	Gospel Missions	Incidentals	For. Missions	Building & Repair	State Missions	Home Missions	For. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Relief	Incidentials
Brooklyn		5 00					2 00							
Masonboro					15 00									
Southside								2 50	7 00	4 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	
Wilmington	132 85	12 20	120 00	123 09	14 00	8 00								11 81

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FOR NEXT SESSION.

Place of Meeting: Jacksonville Church. Jacksonville, N. C.
Time: Tuesday after Second Sunday in October, 1907.
Introductory Sermon: Fred. D. Hale.
Alternate: C. H. Utley.
Missionary Sermon: J. A. Smith.
Alternate: W. B Rivenbark.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

MODERATOR:

G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.

VICE-MODERATOR:

C. H. Utley, Wilmington, N. C.

CLERK:

C. E. McCullen, Burgaw, N. C.

TREASURER:

L. R. Highsmith, Kerr, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

D. J. Corbett, Sr., M. C. Walton, A. T. Herring, W. E. Taylor, D. L. Gore and G. E. Leftwich.

MINISTERS:

M. C. Walton,	J. D. Hocutt,	J. A. McKaughan,
J. A. Smith,	W. B. Rivenbark,	Fred D. Hale.
E. J. Edwards,	C. H. Utley,	J. R. Marshall.
J. H. Dobson,	W. H. Davis,	Francis Savage,
J. M. Bennett,	J. E. King,	J. W. Smith.
E. C. Andrews,	J. B. Newton,	L Bryant,

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances: to walk circumspectly in the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements and exemplary in our deportment: to avoid all talking, backsliding and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word,

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1.—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

Art. 2.—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3.—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4.—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5.—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

Art. 6.—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7.—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9.—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of five members, who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same; making annual reports of their work to the Association, which report, together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body.

Art. 10.—The committee on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

Art. 11.—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12.—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them the privilege of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13.—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14.—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15.—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1.—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2.—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3.—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the preceding daily session read.

4.—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5.—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6.—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7.—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion

8.—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9.—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10.—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11.—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12.—All questions except such as relate to the Constiiution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13.—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14.—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association, by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1,—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2.—Election of Officers.

3.—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4.—Appointment of Committees.

5.—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6.—Reports of Standing Committees.

7.—Reports of other Committees.

8.—Report of Treasurer.

9.—Miscellaneous Business.

10.—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11.—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

WILMINGTON, N. C., October 16th, 1906.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its Sixth Annual Session with the Brooklyn church at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by G. E. Leftwich, Moderator. In the absence of the Clerk, S. G. Hall acted as Temporary Clerk.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. W. H. Wakefield. Prayer by Rev. F. D Hale.

Dr. F. D. Hale, who had been appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, stated that he had asked Dr. W. W. Hamilton to preach the sermon in his stead. On motion request granted and Dr. Hamilton preached Introductory Sermon. Theme—"Mission of a Baptist Church."

On motion it was ordered that the hours of meeting be from 9:30 A. M. to 12 M. and from 2 P. M. to 4 P. M. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

Association convened at 2 P. M. Devotional Exercises conducted by J. H. Dobson, after which roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, G. W. Smith.
Barlow's Chapel—W. T. Hall, Jas. Anders, L. F. King.
Bethlehem—A. L. Pridgen.
Bear Branch.—
Blackwells—M. C. Walton.
Burgaw—C. E. McCullen, J. W. Bowen, J. C. Carroll.
Brooklyn—A. W. Allen, D. L. Gore, T. E. Sykes.
Caintuck—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—C. H. Utley, Miss Ella Driver.
Catherine Lake—J. W. Smith, John Marshburn.
Castle Hayne—G. L. Lewis.
Emma's Chapel—W. E. Taylor, A. V. Cox.
French's Creek—E. H. Anders.
Haw Bluff—L. C. Boswell.
Jacksonville—W. P. Kelley.
Harmony—J. H. Dobson.
Long Creek—L. L. Walker, G. A. Herring.
Masonboro—J P. Walton, Elijah Hewlett, J. P. Herring.
Moore's Creek—C. H. Utley.
Mt. Holly—Isaiah Carroll.
Olive Branch—McIver Walton.
Olivet—E. D. Walker, W. J. Webb.
Providence—J. W. Smith, Wright Walker.
Riley's Creek—W. B. Scott, E. L. Harts. W. J. Keith.
Shiloh—Edgar Malpass.
Salem—J. W. Smith.
Salt Marsh—By letter.
Southside—W. H. Peterson, R. B. Moore.
Tar Landing—D. N. Page.
Teachey's—J. E. Page, W. B. Rivenbark.
Wallace—J. H. Jeffreys, F. P. Powers,

Well's Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, L. K. Taylor.
Wilmington—S. G. Hall, G. E. Leftwich, R. E. Blake.
Willard—W. F. Bowen.

On motion all the present officers were re-elected.

Moderator reports the following committees:

Devotional Exercises--Dr. F. D. Hale and Deacons of this church.

Financial Committee—W. E. Taylor, A. L. Pridgen, L. K. Taylor.

Order of Business—J. A. Smith, C. H. Utley, W. B. Rivenbark.

On motion Delgado was stricken from the roll.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was read by the Clerk and discussed by J. S. Farmer and S. F. Conrad. Report adopted with amendment.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

It is clearly manifest upon the slightest observation, that as the means and facilities for obtaining education are increasing, our people are becoming more and more a reading people, which is a matter of congratulation, to be sure, but at the same time it is a fact which should concern us to know what they are reading, for reading is both a stimulus and guide to the thinking, and "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he"

There has never been a time when it was more important for our Baptist people to wake up to the responsibility that is upon them in regard to what our people are reading, and the duty of placing in their hands and inducing them to read the very best newspapers and religious and moral books to be had. The secular press and publishing houses, which are run for the sake of gain, are flooding the country with reading matter, much of which, to speak mildly, is very far from what it ought to be. We complain and agitate and even legislate to prevent the sale and use of impure and adulterated food for the body, and this is entirely right and proper; but is it not true that we as a people, pastors, deacons, Sunday School officers, teachers and laymen do not regard this matter with the serious concern its importance deserves? Are we doing all we can to counteract the evil influences flowing from the dissemination of vicious literature, by placing in the hands of our people that which is good and pure and clean? If not, our duty is plain.

In our State Denominational papers, The Biblical Recorder and The North Carolina Baptist, we are fortunate in having two weekly papers of which the denomination is justly proud, and which we can cordially commend to the patronage of our people, and the time is now at hand when one or both (if we can afford it) of these papers should be in every Baptist family in the State We owe it to ourselves, our families, the denomination, and to the Lord of the harvest, to take one of these papers and to read and inform ourselves about His work.

Charity and Children, the organ of our Thomasville Orphanage, that great and blessed charity, should have a place at every Baptist fireside, and should be taken in clubs for Sunday Schools.

The Foreign Mission Journal will keep us informed and awaken our interest and enlarge our efforts in support of the Foreign Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention, and The Helper, published by Mrs. Kerr, tells of the Foreign Mission work being prosecuted by the Gospel Mission workers. All of these are good periodicals and will have a beneficial influence if read by our people.

As a purely literary paper for young people, clean, of exceeding high moral and religious tone, (but not denominational or sectarian), The Youth's Companion is a very fine paper and deserves mention.

We recommend to the editors and proprietors of our denominational papers and organs of our work to continue to press on in the work of improvement, and to see to it that we shall have the very best papers

possible, and on the other hand recommend to all our people, from pulpit to the back pew, that they inaugurate a new and aggressive campaign and canvass to place one or more of these papers in every Baptist family in the Association. Respectfully submitted,

J. T BLAND, Committee.

P. S. It should be known everywhere among Baptists and emphasized that our Sunday School literature furnished by the American Baptist Publication Society and by our Southern Baptist Publishing House, is unsurpassed anywhere, and well and wisely supplies our every need in Sunday School work.

Amendment to report:

"The Home Field," published by the Home Mission Board, of Atlanta, Ga., is commended as worthy of being read, in order to keep informed as to the work of the Home Mission Board.

Committee on Order of Business report as follows:

Tuesday, at 3 P. M., Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature; 3:30 P. M., Report on Foreign Missions.

Wednesday—10 A. M., Report on Home Missions; 10:30 A. M, Report on Orphanage; 11 A. M., State Missions; 11:30 A. M, Ministerial Relief; 2 P. M., Associational History and Obituary; 2:30 P. M., Ministerial Education; 3 P. M., Sunday Schools; 3:30 P. M, Report on General Education.

Thursday—10 A. M., Report on Temperance; 10:30 A. M., Report on Executive Committee; 11 A. M., Missionary Sermon; Report of Finance Committee after sermon. Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SMITH,
C. H. UTLEY,
L. R. HIGHSMITH.

Report adopted.

Moderator appointed M. C. Walton and J. M. Bennett to assist W. B. Rivenbark as Committee on Digest of Church Letters.

Report on Foreign Missions read and submitted by Dr. Hale and discussed by Dr. Hale. Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Three hundred millions of Catholics preach a perverted Gospel in Papal fields.

Ten hundred millions of people in Pagan fields never heard of Jesus. To all of these we must send the pure Gospel.

Our organized Baptist brethren of the North, and in Europe, are active and liberal in the prosecution of their part of this world-wide enterprise committed to His disciples by our absent Master; and so Southern Baptists, in the seventeen States and Territories comprising our Convention, are forging to the front in the great procession of Christ's friends, bearing the good news of salvation to a lost world.

The Papal fields which we have chosen in which to work are Argentina, Brazil, Italy and Mexico. The Pagan fields are Africa, China and Japan. In these foreign fields we have 189 missionaries from this country and 300 native workers. These are gathered into 214 churches, with a combined membership of 12,894 Into these churches, during the past Convention year, were received 2,445 for baptism.

"Co-operation" is the word over there, as well as here. District Associations are formed. The churches, through their messengers, meet annually, for conference and fellowship. Day schools and Sunday schools, for the mental culture and religious education of our children, are vigorously pressed. Theological seminaries for young preachers, training schools for workers, publication societies for printing and dis-

tributing books, periodicals, and other necessary literature, hospitals, medical missionaries, etc., are the order of the day.

Great possibilities lie out before us in the immediate future.

FRED. D. HALE.

On motion, J. A. Smith read and submitted report on Sunday Schools. Report discussed by J. A. Smith and S. F. Conrad. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

At each Association a report is usually read, discussed and afterwards printed in the minutes But the great importance and magnitude of the work is not properly appreciated and recognized by a great many who profess to know and love the Lord. All true Christians shonld engage in doing good and it is an indisputable fact that in their spirit and purpose Sunday Schools are in harmony with gospel methods of doing good and leading the youth of our land to Christ as the great Saviour and Redeemer of mankind. The true Sunday School idea is a powerful exponent of the fact that God places a most tremendous value upon the souls of men and desires the salvation of the soul in the morning of life before "the evil days draw nigh." The Sunday School needs no defence in this advanced age of Christian civilization and enlightenment. Its grand spirit runs all through the sacred pages of inspiration, sometimes on the surface and many times beneath the surface. Its spirit manifests itself in the writings of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms—in fact, abounds in the Old Testamental Scriptures. It is more fully emphasized and expanded in the gospels and powerful epistles of the New Testament. There is no mistake in the language of the great commission (Matt. 28 : 19) when it says : "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost." This great command implies a teacher, the teacher implies a school and the school always supposes scholars. This ideal is deeply imbedded in the enlightened Christian conscience and no power on earth can ever eliminate this ideal from the heart and mind of the truly consecrated Christian. Our infallible Guide and Teacher, the Holy Ghost, keeps it alive forever. It is, therefore, not a creature of yesterday nor is it the simple product of a mere philanthropic fancy. If these premises are true, then the issue is always before us and even upon us. As God's own consecrated we are also a commissioned people and out of this comes the solemn and binding obligation. If the obligation is established the necessity is evident. Man needs a Saviour and " with heart believeth unto righteousness, but knowledge comes before faith or emotion." "And this is life eternal that they might know Thee the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent," (John 17 : 3).

The Sunday School proposes to give in a supplementary way the knowledge of God to the scholar. The purpose of God to save all who believe and trust in Him is gladly conceded by all, but a purpose is one thing and its execution is another. This idea is entirely ignored by those who do not believe in the work of the Sunday School. God executes His eternal purpose through ordained means, and the Sunday School is one of the gracious means quite efficient to the end when wisely managed. The young heart and mind will be possessed by something, and as its natural inmates are evil, this must be crowded out. The blessed Saviour commands us to fill up to the brim the water pots. And what man has done and can do man must do. The grand work of the Sunday School has led thousands and tens of thousands to Christ and church statistics prove that a large majority of those who are planted in the likeness of Christ's death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection received their first impression in the Sunday School. Will you be so cruel to those committed to your trust to let their minds and hearts be filled with sinful and poisonous ideas when we, as Christians, are un-

der the positive commands of the Master to avert it? Fill the young mind and heart with the pure truths of the gospel--that is your work as Christians under the great commission, "Go and teach all nations." In the plain, simple and homely lines of the poet:

"First fill the bushel with wheat
Wisdom food for souls to eat,
Then chaff the fiction of the day
Will find no place and fly away."

"Duty is ours and results are Gods." We cannot convert the heart and we are glad of our inability, for God's work is better than ours. But the Psalmist says, "Come ye children, hearken unto me and I will teach you the fear of the Lord" Our observation is that those who have been properly taught in the home and in the Sunday School, come into the Kingdom early in life. This splendid resource we, as a denomination, have not drawn from as largely as we might We do not teach our Confession of Faith—the Holy Bible—as we ought. But we hope the day is not far distant when this work will be held in its proper relationship. "The morning light is breaking. the darkness disappears." We hope the day is not far distant when this work will be firmly established in all our churches, and that our own denomination will rise to the high destiny awaiting it in the evangelization of the world.

JAMES A. SMITH,
W. D. TEACHEY,
E. S. HANCOCK,
Committee.

Committee on Devotional Exercises appointed J. W. Smith to conduct religious services Wednesday morning.

On motion adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Association convened at 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises conducted by J. W. Smith.

Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled.

Moderator welcoms Dr. W. L. Poteat, Dr. W. W. Hamilton, Rev. L. Johnson, and bro A. Johnson.

On motion, Order of Business was changed, as follows: Home Missions continued until to-morrow. Report on General Education to be taken up at 11:30.

French's Creek Church applied for admission into the Association. Application referred to Committee on Petitioning Letters.

Moderator appointed Committee on Petitionary Letters, as follows: D. J. Corbett, Sr., L. R. Highsmith, John Marshburn.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by M. C. Walton; discussed by Archibald Johnson, F. D. Hale, J. M Bennett. Report adopted.

Collection taken for the Orphanage amounting to $10.69.

REPORT ON ORPHANGE.

We, the Committee on the Orphanage at Thomasville beg leave to submit a part of a communication from the Superintendent himself:

"We have 333 children here according to recent count; 20 more than we have ever had before. I have applications by almost every mail. Some cases of real distress. I must turn them down.

The greatest need this fall is to get the rest of the debt paid. It was

$11 400 a year ago. We have cut it down to less than $6.000. We want to close it up this year. Of course our expenses are very heavy—$60.00 a day—and they must go higher as the number increases, and the prices of things go up."

We will also add, that by the close of the year, perhaps, there will be two more buildings completed, which will add to the comfort of all. The Orphanage has now 400 acres of land worth about $15,000; buildings worth $60,000; invested fund $102,000. Total value $177,000. Number of children 120; number of employes 28; teachers in graded school 9. Pastor Rev. Geo. P. Harrell. Preaching first and third Sundays. S. H. Averitt. Superintendent of Sunday School. Circulation of "Charity and Children" 11.500. Sunday Schools giving monthly collections 356.

Milk cows 15; mules 4; horse 1.

Your committee would respectfully urge greater things for this God-given institution, and would recommend that every Sunday School in the Association take one or more collections during the coming year for this cause.

Also, that every Sunday School raise a club for "Charity and Children."

Respectfully submitted,

M. C. WALTON,
For Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education read and submitted by J. B. Newton.

Report on General Education read and submitted by E. C. McCullen.

Both reports discussed by Dr. W. L. Poteat. Reports adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The primary object in the establishment of Wake Forest College was to educate men called of God to preach the gospel. Through all these years she has faithfully and efficiently performed her duty to the ministers who have placed themselves under her tutelage. Very many who were unable to pay their own way have been assisted by our churches providing for the payment of their board while in college. Many of our ablest preachers in North Carolina and other States, and our many missionary fields in foreign parts of the world, were aided by this fund coming in from the different churches in our State. There are fifty-two receiving help from the Board the present term. These and all who have been aided in the past have first been approved by their churches of which they were members and who knew them best before they were adopted by the Board. Our churches can do no better work, perhaps, than to thoroughly equip those of their own number whom God has called to preach His Word.

In addition to Wake Forest, our Seminary at Louisville is a great institution for the further development of the ministry—particularly in theological studies. This school charges no tuition, furnishes board at actual cost, and free to those unable to pay. There are a number there now from North Carolina who are dependent upon our churches for the payment of their board.

Your committee suggests that our beneficiaries there be remembered as we do those at Wake Forest.

Respectfully submitted.

J. B. NEWTON,
JOHN MARSHBURN,
W. E TAYLOR,
Committee.

REPORT ON GENERAL EDUCATION.

One of the most important subjects that can engage the attention of this Association is that of General Education. Our power and progress in the world as a denomination is in direct proportionment to the enlightenment of our people. Intellectual culture demanded by modern

times is far in advance of that of past ages, yet we as a people are slow to grasp the idea. Mind rules the destiny of nations and individuals. Knowledge is power aud when this power is harnessed by the grace of God and directed along the lines of evangelical religion it means much to our denomination, and the cause of christianity in general.

Education, or knowledge, which fails to develop the moral as well as the mental side of man is dangerous to society, religion and government. It has been well said that "Education" has two aspects: "on the one side it is the cultivation of man's reason, and on the other the development of his spiritual nature."

The State is doing more for public education than it has ever done before, local tax districts are being formed and good schools established and better buildings erected all over the State, all of which we commend. Baptist people are ever ready to encourage and push forward every effort of every good man or woman in the proper training of our sons and daughters, and with special gratitude do we mark every step of progress.

An essential factor in education is spiritual training and to this phase Baptist people must give their special attention, for this does not come within the province of the State.

To teach the grand truths of the Christian religion as well as the arts and sciences, comes properly within the sphere of our denominational schools, and we thank God that North Carolina Baptists have arisen to meet this obligation and can furnish just such schools as can compare favorably with any in the United States, and loyally are they supported.

Wake Forest College, the Baptist University for Women, Oxford Seminary, Chowan Baptist Institute, together with the Associational schools of our State, have been, are now, and will continue to wield an influence for good that is immeasurable.

Respectfully submitded,

C. E. McCULLEN,
For Committee.

On motion adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

Association met at 2 P M. Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Newton. Minutes of previous session read and approved.

Report on State Missions read and submitted by C. H. Utley, and discussed by L. Johnson. Report adoptted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

During the present generation no factor has been more potent in the development of North Carolina than the work done by our denomination under the auspices of the State Mission Board. This board has not only attempted to keep pace with the State's material progress, but in hundreds of cases has been the forerunner of educational and religious advancement. A generation ago our funds were wisely expended in villages which promised soon to assume the proportion of little cities, and which promises have been abundantly fulfilled, and with their development have been developed scores of strong, aggressive Baptist churches, now our very largest contributors to all departments of our work. Now we see how nicely these investments were made only a few years ago. The results have been very gratifying to all who have watched prayerfully as they have given generously to plant Baptist churches in sections not occupied already by our own denomination

Each year opportunities multiply, each year the possibilities of State Missions become greater, and each year the ability of the Baptist people of North Carolina increases, perhaps more rapidly than our contribu-

butions to this most important part of our work. Vigorous State Mission work is one explanation for our very enviable growth in the past. But many points remain to be occupied, and many fields white unto the harvest are waiting for our reaper. Loyalty to our good old State calls for literal support of mission work within our bounds. God has wonderfully blessed this work in the past, and its prospects are golden for the future. The great missionary quoted the Master as saying "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Then let us multiply our blessings, enlarge our joys, and enhance our usefulness, by increasing our gifts largely and lovingly to the cause of Him "who went about doing good."

CHAS. H. UTLEY,
For Committee.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Relief read and submitted by J. D. Hocutt. Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

About sixteen years ago the Aged Minister's Relief Board was organized by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. It was at first located in Wilmington, bro. D. L. Gore of that city being its first President. After a few years it was removed to Durham N. C., Rev. C. J. Thompson being its present President and Rev. G. F. McDuffy, Corresponding Secretary.

The work committed to this Board was the care of indigent and aged ministers of the Gospel. Men who had worn themselves out in the work. Men who by reason of age and infirmity were no longer able to perform the active and arduons duties of the pastorate. During the year ending Dec. 6. 1905, the Baptist Churches of North Carolina gave to this work $2,120.85, of which amount the churches of this Association gave $97.04. Amount was distributed to twenty-six beneficiaries.

Brethren this is a work that should appeal to every Christian, to every lover of Jesus Christ. These men who have worn themselves out in the Baptist ministry of North Carolina, who have given their time, talents, energies, their very life, to the cause they loved, who laid broad deep, and strong the foundations upon which we are building, who, made possible the present progress of our Zion, into which we have entered as a heritage, should receive from us not only our sympathy, our "God bless you," but our support. We recommend that our churches increase their contributions to this work

Respectfully submitted,
J. D HOCUTT,
W. B. SCOTT.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submitted by J W. Smith, and discussed by J. W. Smith, J. A. Smith. C. H. Utley, W. B. Rivenbark. J. D. Hocutt.. Report adopted with additional mention of the names of Mrs. Geo. A Herring, a faithful member of Long Creek Church and mother of Missionary D. W. Herring, of China, and Leslie McAlister, of Olivet Church, who was a very bright and useful young member and Clerk of the church.

ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY AND OBITUARIES.

Five annual sessions of the Wilmington Association have been held since its organization in Burgaw, November, 1901. We are now assembled in our sixth session to extend greetings and congratulations to each other that during the past year we have been wonderfully blest. The reports coming up from the churches and the reports as read and discussed by the brethren indicate that we are making progress along all lines of Christian work. The Association is destined in the near future to make its power to be felt not only in this State but throughout the

world. It will be our constant effort in the future to make a record of which we will be proud.

Since the last meeting of the Association at Teachey's, death has entered some of the homes within our bounds and has severed some strong and tender ties. The beloved wife of Rev. A. T. Bland who was a consistent and faithful member of Teachey's church, has gone to her reward.

During the past year the First church, has sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. John F. Divine, who did what she could to promote the cause of her Master whom she served so faithfully.

Burgaw church feels the wound inflicted by the death of Brethren W. J. Herring and J. W. Savage.

During the year the death angel has visited Moore's Creek church and claimed Bro W. J. Hollingsworth, who was a strong supporter of his church and in full sympathy with all lines of our denominational work.

It is with sadness we report the death of Bro. J. H. McDougal, a prominent and influential member of the Brooklyn church. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH.
For Committee.

Committee on Petitioning Letters recommended the admission of French Creek church into this Association. Report adopted and church admitted.

Committee on Time and Place report: Place, Jacksonville church, Jacksonville, N. C.; Introductory Sermon, Dr. F. D. Hale; Alternate, C. H. Utley; Missionary Sermon, J. A. Smith; Alternate, W. B. Rivenbark.

C. H. Utley moves to substitute Atkinson for Jacksonville.

On motion adjourned until 9:30 A. M. Thursday.

THURSDAY MORNING.

Association met at 9:30 A. M. Devotional Exercises conducted by W. H. Davis.

Minutes of previovs session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Time and Place taken up, and Bro. W. H. Lewis, on behalf of Atkinson church, withdrew the motion to substitute Atkinson for Jacksonville. Report of committee adopted.

Report on Home Missions read by the Clerk and discussed by Dr. Hamilton. Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In the providence of God we have come to an hour when wisdom calls on us to deliberate carefully and decide upon a wise policy for the future. Coming out of the backwater, the South, with her vast amount of wealth, her New Testament orthodoxy (and fervent evangelism) will largely influence the world.

But to meet our obligations to our home field and to the world, we must seize and hold the cities, where sin and vice have combined forces, train our people to purposes and plans as broad as Christ's mission to lost humanity, and develop the churches to meet the ever-increasing demands for enlargement.

Fifty years ago the Baptists of the South numbered about 450,000 and to-day they number over 3,000.000; and this increase is due in no small measure to the work of the Home Mission Board. And this fact suggests at once the idea that a greater work lies before the Board than ever before because of territorial expansion and a rapid increase in population. To-day there are in round numbers about 20 000,000 people in the South and of this number only about 12,000,000 are professed Christians.

To an alarming extent is the population outstripping the churches There are towns to-day composed of foreign population in which there is not a Baptist church. The cross-roads of yesterday are to-day, and will be cities to-morrow.

Our Baptist fathers saw clearly that unless the churches in this home land were built up and developed to the highest degree of liberality and spiritual prosperity that the work of evangelizing the world would suffer. The real significance of Home Missions is Foreign Missions, and we can never evangelize the world until we enlighten and enlist our people at home. Surely it is not improper to give this subject of evangelistic work some special thought and emphasis in our meetings. It is manifest to all that there has come about an awakened interest in the subject of evangelistic work It is indeed gratifying to see the city churches in our own beloved Association now engaged in the great work of saving souls. May the meeting now in progress be an impetus to our churches to enter more zealously into the work of the Master.

For a number of years the annual report of our Home Board has emphasized the importance of more seriously addressing itself to the problem of the cities. But closely allied to the city problem, if not a part of it, is the immigration problem. No longer are the immigrants seeking the fertile fields of the West, but are mobilizing the most undesirable element of the population of the world in the cities of America.

Through the work of the Home Board more than any other one agency, Southern Baptists have entered these centers of power In every capital of the South, save one, and in nearly every city of the South, our Board has gone with its helping hand in some instances to begin the work, in others to strengthen the work already begun. One of the highest tests ever put upon the Southern Baptists comes with the tide of immigration Shall we assimilate them or shall they dominate us. We must meet them with the gospel of Christ and Christianize them or they will in a large sense heathenize us

Brethren of this Association, let us arise in the strength of our God and possess this land! Arise! Shine! for thy light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee Fidelity to our Lord is the price of this blessing and will doubtless be in a large degree the measure of our joy when that great city, the Holy Jerusalem descends out of heaven from God and we sing that exultant chorus: "Alleluiah, for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth." Let us have a general awakening among all our churches in regard to the Home Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. RIVENBARK.

Moderator appoints the following Standing Committees:

Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. A. Smith, A. L. Pridgen, W. T. Hall.

Temperance—M. C. Walton, W. P. Kelly, L R Highsmith

Foreign Missions—C H Utley, D. N. Page, S. G Hall

State Missions—W. B. Rivenbark, L. L. Walker, D. J. Corbett, Sr.

Ministerial Relief—J. H. Dobson, W. E Taylor, E D Walker.

Orphanage—J W. Smith, J. P. Walton, W H. Peterson.

Associational History and Obituaries—J. T. Bland, W F. Bowen, W. J. Keith.

Sunday Schools—Fred. D. Hale. L. K Taylor, W. H. Lewis.
General Education—J. B. Newton, F. P. Powers, J. P. Herring.
Home Missions—J. A. McKaughan, Jno. Marshburn J. E. Page.
Ministerial Education—J. M. Bennett, G. L. Lewis, E. H. Andrews.
Digest Church Letters—J. D. Hocutt, G. W Smith, D. L. Gore.

Report on Temperance read and submitted by W H. Davis. Discussed by W. H. Davis. J. A. Smith and F. D. Hale. Report adopted

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The suppression of the evils of intemperance is one of the greatest problems of the present century. Strong drink is a great source of revenue and as such it stands before us as a great giant to defy the armies of the living God.

In our humble judgment, at least three things are necessary to the suppression of this evil.

First. The education of the youth of our country with reference to the evil effects of strong drink upon the human system and the hereditary evils which follow in the coming generations.

Second. The creation of a stronger temperance sentiment among the older people by so presenting the subject as to convince them that it is to their interest, financially, morally and religiously, to abstain from this evil

Third. The exercise of a more strict discipline in our churches, putting them upon a higher plane and making them in a scriptural sense as a city set upon a hill whose light cannot be hid, so that they may be truly evangelizing agencies. This will greatly reduce the amount of strong drink made and sold and bring in that glorious day for which we have longed hoped and prayed when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea.

The signs of the times point to prohibitton in our State. For this let us work, hope, pray and vote, as we may have opportunity.

Respectfully snbmitted,

W H. DAVIS,
For Committee.

Report of Committee on Digest of Church Letters read and submitted by J. M. Bennett. Discussed by S. G. Hall, Dr. Hamilton, J. M. Bennett, R. B. Moore and J. D. Hocutt. Report adopted.

The Moderator excused the following delegates: D. N. Page and W. P. Kelly.

The following resolution was offered by J. W. Smith and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Brooklyn church and friends in Wilmington for their generous hospitality.

Report of Finance Committee read and submitted by W. E. Taylor. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee to nominate the Executive Committee was read by the Clerk and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, recommend as Executive Committee D. J. Corbett, Sr., M C Wallace, A. T. Herring, W. E. Taylor, D. L Gore and Geo. E. Leftwich.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. SCOTT,
W. T. HALL,
ISAIAH CARROLL, Committee.

The Executive Committee made the following report, which is adopted:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We beg to report that we organized one year ago, with G. E Leftwich as chairman. After looking over the field we found the alarming fact that thirteen of our churches were without pastors. To-day only two churches are without pastors. One, we understand, has already called a pastor: the other will shortly.

Our Association is helping, through the Board, the following churches: Olivet church, $35.00, Rev. J. D Hocutt, pastor; Castle Hayne, $50.00, J. M. Bennett; French Creek, $25.00. J. B. Newton; South Side church, $150 00, Rev. W. H. Davis, pastor; Salt Marsh church. $25.00, Rev. C. H. Utley, pastor; Emma's Chapel, Catherine Lake, Tar Landing, Salem and Providence churches, $25.00 each, Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor. Total amount nearly $600 per year.

Your Committee feels that our general work is more hopeful, but yet we have only begun the great work of building for Christ.

Your Committee has stood ready at all times to help or advise, but so far very few of our people either advise with them or make suggestions to them, and therefore the door of usefulness is often closed to either service or advice.

We would suggest that our membership would keep in closer touch with your Committee and advise with them often, as many times we are in the dark and long for some hand to lead or some voice to cheer.

Hold up the hands of your Executive Committe

The Treasurer submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount from Finance Committee			$612 77
"	To Secretary L. Johnson	$436 26	
"	" Orphanage	127 69	
"	" Minute Fund	38 17	
"	" Gospel Missions	4 55	
"	" On Hand	6 10	
		$612 77	$612 77

L. R HIGHSMITH.

The business of the session being finished, the sixth session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Jacksonville Baptist Church at Jacksonville, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1907.

GEO. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator.

C. E. McCULLEN, Clerk.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Orphanage.	Sent up for Different Objects	Sunday School Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Church Total.
Atkinson	1.00		1 20		2.17	67	1.14					6.18
Barlow's Chapel	2 00								77.52			2.00
Berea												
Bethlehem	1 16				7.50	7 00	3 50		43.85			19.16
Bear Branch												
Blackwells												
Burgaw	3.30		30.00	5 00		5 00	5.00		60.54			48.30
Brooklyn			40.00			18.35	20 00	27.00	125.69			105.35
Canetuck	1.50				5.00		5.00	1 00	91.00			12 50
Caswell	50		2 50	2.50	2.50		1.50	2 50	1.50			12 00
Catherine Lake	60		4.50						6.90			5.10
Castle Haynes	1 00		7 00									8.00
Emmas Chapel	1 00	5.00	2 00	2 00	1 02	2.00	2 00		6.70			15.02
Haw Bluff	58	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50	1.00		1.00	22.76			7 08
Harmony	80		2 88			2 00	2.00	2 85	8.54			10.53
Jacksonville	1.00								19.76			1.00
Long Creek			1 56						29.49		4.45	6 01
Masonboro	1.00		2 50	2.00	2 00	1.50	2.00	3.30	147.00	2.00		16 00
Moores Creek	1.28		15.00		5 00		5 00		24 72			26.28
Mt. Holly	2.20		6 66	3 02	1.20		2 40	2 35	29 25			17.83
Olive Branch			5 00		3.60			5 00	20 95			13.60
Olivet	48		4.00						7.15			4.48
Providence	75		4.00				1.50	3 10				9.35
Rileys Creek	1.41	2.61	4 00	3.00	4 00	4.00	2.00	5.00	8.98			26 02
Shiloh			4.29	83				1.90	25.06			7.02
Salt Marsh												
Southside	2 25								219 35			2.25
Salem	1.00	2.06		1 00	1.00				4 00			5.06
Tar Landing	60	1 00		1.00	1.00							3.60
Teachey	2.25		40.00	10.00	10 00	5.00	5.00	34.00	112.50			106 25
Wells Chapel												24.46
Wilmington	5.00								2054.32			5.00
Willard	50		5.00	5.00	5 00	1.00	1.00	8 00	22.80			25.50
Wallace	2.50	2 00	10.00	10 00	5 00	2.78	5.00	20.00	127.50			57.28
French's Creek	60		3.00									2 60
Special Collection for Orphanage								10.69				10.69
Totals	36.26	13.67	195.19	46 35	57.49	50 30	64.04	127.69	3297.83	2 00	4.45	621.80
							Over Count					1.01
							Sent up for different objects					3297.83
									Grand Total			3920.64

Respectfully submitted.

L. K. TAYLOR,
A. S. PRIDGEN,
W. E. TAYLOR,
Committee.

DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS.

CHURCHES.	Baptisms.	Total Number of Members.	CONTRIBUTIONS.		AVERAGE.		Average Attendance of Sunday Schools.
			Running Expenses.	Mission Objects.	Running Expenses	Mission Objects.	
Atkinson		82	264 59	5.18	3.22	60	66
Barlow's Chapel	1	110	182 21	70.00	1.65	63	
Bethlehem		147	159.00	107.15	1 80	72	30
Bear Branch							
Blackwell's							
Burgaw		101	729.99	122 69	7.23	1 08	45
Brooklyn	58	265	2439 60	245.56	9.20	92	118
Caintuck		140	136.50	102.00	97	72	30
Caswell	2		80.00	13 50			30
Catherine's Lake		20	25 00	12 00	1.25	60	
Castle Haynes	1	21	80.00	7.00	39	33	
Emma's Chapel		48	100.00	21.72	20	45	35
Haw Bluff		107	120.25	18 09	1.12	16	
Jacksonville	3	24	203.68	28.76	8.48	86	25
Harmony	17	55	79.46	19 07	1.37	34	40
Long Creek		117	101.64	41.51	87	35	20
Masonboro	11	118	235.00	93 30	1.99	79	55
Moore's Creek	6	107	125.00	76.00	1.16	71	
Mt. Holly	3	119	149.00	42.00	1.25	37	90
Olive Branch	2	84	75.00	29.55	89	35	35
Olivet		42	39.00	13.50	93	32	15
Providence	1	28	27.00	9.35	96	33	
Riley's Creek	7	107	158.00	35.00	1.47	32	30
Shiloh	11	145	120 30	32.08	83	22	50
Southside	9	186	764.48	134 00	4 11	72	70
Salem	3	49	40.00	9.06	81	18	40
Salt Marsh							
Tar Landing		19		4.00	68	21	20
Teachey	16	167	1235.25	126.50	7.34	76	130
Well's Chapel							
Wilmington	64	704	6179 08	1,849.30	8.78	2.63	275
Willard	2	97	142.95	25.00	1.47	25	50
Wallace	18	115	143.00	68.78	1.20	60	
French's Creek		21	80.00	2.00	3.30	8	20
Totals	234	3348	14,212.08	3.599.95			

PASTORS AND CLERKS.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Sunday of Meeting
Atkinson	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson	4th
Barlow's Chapel	M. C. Walton	Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st
Bethlehem	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	W. C. Keith	Currie	1st
Bear Branch					
Blackwell					
Burgaw	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	3rd
Brooklyn	J. A. McKaughan	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	Each
Caintuck	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	D. J. Corbett Sr.	Currie	2nd
Caswell	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	J. L. Watson.	Pt. Caswell.	1st
Catherine Lake	J. W. Smith	Catherine L	John Marshburn	Catherine L	4th
Castle Haynes	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	J. A. Smith	Castle	2nd
Emmas Chapel					1st
French's Creek	J. B. Newton	Kerr	E. W. Moore	Kelly	2nd
Harmony	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	L. P. Rooks	Ivanhoe	4th
Haw Bluff	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	L. C. Boswell	Fatina	3rd
Long Creek	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	L. L. Walker	Burgaw	4th
Jacksonville	E. C. Andrews	Swansboro	R. P. Hinton	Jacksonvi'e.	3rd
Masonboro			Addison Hewlett.	Wilmington	4th
Moore's Creek	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	Geo. Highsmith	Currie	3rd
Mt. Holly	W. B. Rivenbark.	Teachey	Isaiah Carroll	Watha	4th
Olive Branch	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	Miss A. L. Hewlett	Wilmington	2nd
Olivet	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	I. T. Lanier	Rocky Point	1st
Providence	J. W. Smith	Catherine L	R. H. Bethea	Holly Ridge	2nd
Riley's Creek	W. B. Rivenbark.	Teachey	J. D. Mahn	Rocky Point	3rd
Salt Marsh	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	R. T. Brown	Nat Moore	4th
Shiloh	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	H. A. Bland	Watha	.
Southside	G. A. Martin	Wilmington	J. F. Littleton	Wilmington	Each
Salem	J. W. Smith	Catherine L	J. E. Robinson	Sneed Ferry	3rd
Tar Landing			D. N. Page	Jacksonvi'e.	4th
Teachey's	W. B. Rivenbark.	Teachey	B. P. Teachey	Wallace	2nd
Wallace	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	Joseph Rooks	Wallace	4th
Well's Chapel	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	L. D. Highsmith	Willard	2nd
Wilmington	Fred. D. Hale	Wilmington	F. T. Allen	Wilmington	Each
Willard	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	W. T. Bowen	Willard	2nd

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUP'TS	POST OFFICE	Baptisms from School	Average Attendance.	Months Open.	Papers and Quarterlies Taken	Volumes in Library.	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Totals.
Atkinson	G. W. Smith	Atkinson		66	12			1	6	83	89
Barlow's Chapel											
Bethlehem	W. N. Anderson	Currie		30		34				40	
Bear Branch											
Blackwell											
Burgaw	J. T. Bland	Burgaw		45	12	280		1	7		
Brooklyn	E. S. Hancock	Wilmington	21	118	12			1	20	145	165
Caintuck	D J. Corbett, Sr.,	Currie		30	12	30		1	4	44	48
Caswell	J. L. Watson	Point Caswell		30	12	24		1	5	56	61
Catherine Lake							100				
Castle Haynes	D. A. Cameron	Castle									
Emmas Chapel	N. E. Taylor	Richlands		35	12	108		1	7	36	43
French's Creek	E. W. Moore	Kelly		20	12	52		1	5	61	66
Harmony	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe		40	12	50		1	6	50	56
Haw Bluff	John A. Barnhill	Colly				40		1	5		
Long Creek	J. H. Brinson	Currie		20	12	20		1	3	30	33
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey	Jacksonville		25	12	85		1	7	33	40
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	Wilmington	11	55	12	113		1	6	80	86
Moore's Creek											
Mt. Holly	A. Carroll	Watha	1	90	12	70		2	2	111	123
Olive Branch	Wilson Rodgers.	Wilmington		35	10	40		1	9	78	87
Olivet	N. J. Lanier	Rocky Point		15	12	108	50	1	7	32	39
Providence	B. P. Bethea	Holly Ridge	1		12	50		1	4	25	27
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	Long Creek	7	30	12	40		1	7	30	31
Salt Marsh	M. P. Patterson	Nat Moore		11	12	34	37	1	4	27	44
Shiloh	W. T. Moore	Ivanhoe		50					4	100	103
Southside	R. B. Moore	Wilmington	4	70	12	150	100	1	13	80	90
Salem	J. C. Davis	Sneed's Ferry	2	40	12	60		1	6	44	59
Tar Landing											
Teachey	W. S. Teachey A. F. Bland	Wallace Teachey	10	130	12	130		2	14	150	164
Wallace											
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	Kerr			12				6		
Wilmington	B. T. Hopkins	Wilmington	42	275	12			1	28	330	358
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark	Willard		50	12			1	3	70	73

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministerial Relief
Atkinson	5.00	5.00	5 00		5.00	2 50	2.50
Barlow's Chapel	22.50	10.00	15.00		15.00	2 50	7.50
Bethlehem	12.50	7.50	12.50		15.00	10 00	5 00
Bear Branch							
Blackwells							
Burgaw	30.00	5.00		50.00	10 00	5 00	5.00
Brooklyn	30.00	20.00	15.00		75 00	25.00	15.00
Caintuck	20 00	10 00	10.00		20.00	7.50	7.50
Caswell	2 50	2.50	2 50		2.50	2.50	3.50
Catherine Lake	5 00	2 00			3 00	2 00	
Castle Haynes	3.00	2 00	2 00				
Emma's Chapel	5.00	5.00	5 00		2.50	2 00	2.00
French's Creek							
Harmony							
Haw Bluff							
Long Creek	5.00	5.00		20.00	5.00	3.00	5.00
Jacksonville	$26.00 for all objects.						
Masonboro	5.00	2.00	5.00		10.00		2.00
Moore's Creek	15 00	7.50	7.50		20.00	5.00	5.00
Mt. Holly	10.00	5.00	5 00		10.00		3.00
Olive Branch	5.00	5 00	5.00		5.00	5.00	
Olivet	5.00			2.50	5 00		
Providence	5.00	3.00	2.00		5.00	1.00	2.00
Riley's Creek	10.00	4.00	5.00		8.00		3.00
Shiloh	5.00	1.00		25.00	5.00		1.00
Southside	45.00	20.00	20.00		45 00		10.00
Salem	6.00	2.00	2.00		10.00	2.00	2.00
Tar Landing	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00
Teachey	40.00	10.00	10.00		30.00	5.00	5.00
Well's Chapel	10.00	10 00			15.00	10 00	10.00
Wilmington	325.00	300.00	625.00		125.00	100.00	25.00
Willard	5.00	5.00	5.00		8.00	1.00	1.00
Salt Marsh	2.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

CHURCH'S	Woman's Missionary Society.					B. Y. P. U., Sunbeams, etc.				Young Ladies' Aid Society.			Willing Workers.	King's Daughters.
	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Gospel Missions.	Orphange.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Incidentals.	State Missions.
Caintuck ...	3.00	2.00	2.00	....	...	...	...	....	....	....	...	.....	.	....
Caswell	...	....	2.00	...	...	...	...	....		....	....	.....	..	...
Southside .	....	....	.....	...	...	5.00	5 00	34.70	7.00	....	....	.....	...	....
Teachey ...	....	....	.....	10.00	2 50	. .	...	4.00	....	....	....	.....	....	...
Wilmington	23.72	75.00	185.53	....	...	...	. .	...	...	16.42	41 40	103.00	32.23	72.60

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G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.

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CLERK:

C. E. McCullen, Burgaw, N. C.

TREASURER:

L. R Highsmith, Kerr, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Geo. E. Leftwich, D. J. Corbett, Sr., W. H. Lewis, V. Sidbury, R. P. Hinton, D. L. Gore.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

The following is a List of Ministers who are members of this Association with their addresses:

Andrews, E C. . . . . Swansboro	Meeks, O. P. . . . . Fayetteville
Bennett, J. M. . . . . Burgaw	Newton, J B. . . . . Kerr
Brinson, H. J.	Rivenbark, W. B. . . Teachey
Bryan, L. . . . . Wilmington	Smith, J. A. . . . . Wilmington
Dobson, J. A. . . . . Atkinson	Smith, J. W. . . Catherine Lake
Hale, Fred. D. . . . . Wilmington	Utley C. W. . . . . Burgaw
Hocutt, J. D. . . . . Ashton	Whitlock. C F. . . . . Wilmington
Marshal, J. R . . . . . Wilmington	Savage, F . . . . . Teachey
Martin, G. A. . . . . Wilmington	Stringfield, J. H . . . . Atkinson

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all talking backsliding, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a Letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church: Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a Letter, and through inadvertence the Letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART 6—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in the mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same; making annual report of their work to the Association, which report together with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to this body

ART. 10—The committee on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of the Association.

ART. 11—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART 12—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them the privilege of the body except that of voting.

ART 13—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART 14—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of a denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1 -On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session, and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the preceeding daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend. to commit, to postpone to a definite time. which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they are stated.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so. their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes

13—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14—The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2—Election of Officers.

3—Calling of Petitionary Letters.

4—Appointment of Committees.

5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6—Reports of Standing Committees.

7—Reports of other Committees.

8—Report of Treasurer.

9—Miscellaneous Business.

10—Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

JACKSONVILLE, N. C., October 15, 1907.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its Seventh Annual Session with the Jacksonville Church, at 11 A. M., and was opened with song and prayer led by Rev Braxton Craig, after which Dr. Fred. D. Hale was called io the chair as Moderator, pro tem.

On motion the Introductory Sermon was postponed until the night session, and organization of the Associatien gone into, which resulted in the election of the following officers:

Moderator—Geo. E. Leftwich.
Vice Moderator—G. A. Martin
Clerk—C. E. McCullen.
Treasurer—L. R. Highsmith.

And in the absence of the Moderator, the Vice Moderator took the chair, and appointed the following brethren as Finance Committee: J. T. Bland, W. T. Harrelson, and J. B. Newton; after which roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, R. F. Atkinson.
Barlow's Chapel—L. F. King.
Bethlehem—A. L Pridgen, Ramond Y. Corbett.
Bear Branch—
Blackwell—
Burgaw—J. T. Bland, C. E. McCullen.
Brooklyn—C. F. Whitlock.
Caintuck—D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell—By Letter.
Catherine Lake—John Marshburn, Ida Cox.
Castle Haynes—By Letter
Emma's Chapel—H. L. Cox, Jr., A. J. Scott, O. B. Cox.
French's Creek—E. H. Andrews.
Harmony—By Letter.
Haw Bluff—By Letter.
Long Creek—G A. Herring, G. F. Devane.
Jacksonville—N. B. Umphrey, R. P. Hinton, W. P. Kelly.
Masonboro—By Letter.
Moore's Creek—By Letter.
Mt. Holly—By Letter.
Olive Branch—By Letter.
Providence—D. P. Bethea, V. Sidbury.
Riley's Creek—W. T. Harrelson, G. W. Walker.
Salt Marsh—J. H. Squires.
Shiloh—By Letter.
South Side—G. A. Martin, B. R. Moore.
Salem—Willie Sheppard, Dorsey Williams.
Tar Landing—By Letter.
Teachey's—W. B. Rivenbark.
Wallace—M. B. Pope,
Well's Chapel—L R. Highsmith.
Wilmington—F. D. Hale, H.G. Fennell G E. Leftwich, J. A. Smith.
Willard—By Letter.

Moderator appointed the following Committees:
Digest of Church Letters—C. F. Whitlock, R. B. Moore.
Order of Business—Dr. F. D. Hale, W. B. Rivenbark, R. B. Moore.
Home Missions—(In place of J. A. McKaughn,) C. F. Whitlock.

The Chair recognized and welcomed Rev. Braxton Craig as a visitor and representative of State Missions and the Orphanage; and also Rev. Hight C. Moore, of the Sunday School Board.

The chair appointed brethren L. R. Highsmith. John Marshburn, and W. T. Harrelson delegates from this Association to the Baptist State Convention to be held in Wilmington, N. C.

Committee on Order of Business report: Rev Braxton Craig to conduct devotional exercises after noon and then take up report on Sunday Schools.

On motion adjourned until 2:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:30 P. M., Vice Moderator in the chair. Devotional services conducted by Rev. Braxton Craig.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

The Chair appointed the following Committees:

Time, Place and Preacher—J. A Smith. W. B. Rivenbark, John Marshburn.

To Nominate Executive Committee—J. B. Newton, N. B. Umphrey, G. W. Walker.

Report on Sunday Schools read and submitted by Dr. F. D. Hale, and discussed by Dr. Hale and Hight C Moore. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The value of a good Sunday School in a country Baptist Church is beyond computation. It is from the country Sunday Schools that come most of our preachers and missionaries in foreign fields (both men and women), and pastors and officials in the city churches as well as in the country churches Some man in each country church should recognize what a gold mine, for the Kingdom of Christ, he has right at his door, and should consecrate his time and talent, and money, in working it for all it is worth. He should make that Sunday School the all consuming passion of his soul, and put business methods into that enterprise, just as he does into his work on the farm —because of which he makes it a success, while other farmers are failures

The good effects of a Sunday School, rightly managed, are seen in the teachers. The reflex influence of their effort to teach others is wonderfully felt in their own lives, as Bible students; and in their own souls, as they try to win their pupils to Christ In after years, as well as in the present, will be seen the results in the lives of the boys and girls, as they study the Word of God—while their minds are virgin soil, and while the truth has a chance to get a start before the noxious weeds of error begin to come up.

Under the Superintendent, let a company of determined men and women, in each church, bond themselves together, and, in the strength and for the sake of Jesus their Saviour and Master, systematically, self-sacrificingly, and enthusiastically, put forth their best energies in this department of Christ's service in giving to the future leaders of the church the best possible start in their lives as students of the Bible.

Oh. the value of a country church in the Kingdom of God. And the service it will render to the denomination at large will depend largely upon its Sunday School

FRED. D. HALE.

Report on General Education was read and submitted by J. B. Newton, and discussed by J. B. Newton, Fred D. Hale, Braxton Craig, J. T. Bland, and C. F. Whitlock. Report adopted.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

We rejoice in the fact that our State is closing up the gap that has so long been open between the public schools and the University

We greatly rejoice in the prosperity of our denominational High Schools, Colleges, and University for Women.

May the good work continue until Christian education shall be maintained in every section of our State.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. NEWTON.

On motion adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 7.30 P M..

Introductory Sermon preached by Dr. Fred D. Hale. Text: Gal. 1:6 to 9 Theme: "Russellism a Counterfeit Gospel"

Report on Religious Literature was read and submitted by Rev. J. A. Smith. and discussed by J. A. Smith. S. F. Conrad, and W. B. Rivenbark. Report adopted.

PERIODICALS.

It is said that "the pen is mightier than the sword" and all intelligent men realize the meaning of the expression. The great throbbing business world thoroughly understands it, and it is a universal idea that advertising pays and pays well. The great political world with its vast schemes and favorite ideas catches on and the pen and partisan papers are regarded as the best method of distributing ideas into the minds of the great masses of the people. The pen is unquestionably a most powerful instrument in the hands of men either for weal or woe, and we as a great Christian denomination appreciate fully the value of the printed page in the dissemination of knowledge, and the developing and fixing of truth In the minds and hearts of the people. The religious newspapers the magazines, the pamphlets, tracts. and devotional books do their work both by day and by night, in the homes and places where the preacher, missionary, and teacher cannot always go. The progress and prosperity of the work we have assumed as a great denomination depends upon keeping constantly before the hearts and minds of the people the needs of the work, both in home and foreign fields. Our newspapers and mission journals are the chief agencies in bringing to the attention of the people the great needs of the work in far distant foreign fields. and of our own beautiful southland, with its growing and varied industries and of the State of North Carolina, with its wonderful progress, and our own educational and benevolent institutions. As soon as our Baptist people as a whole know all about our denominational work, and the progress it is making in the States and among the nations they become interested and respond to the demands of the work. The individual Baptist who does not know about our denominational work is a back number. He is circumscribed, and confines his gifts and sympa-

thies to the limited sphere of his own personal knowledge and surroundings. That local church whose members take no stock in Baptist papers and literature is doing but little to extend the cause of Jesus Christ either in home or foreign lands. Every true Baptist on earth should read regularly a Baptist paper, and have proper literature in his home for the benefit of his own family as well as the stranger within his gates. He is not developing his own spiritual strength and feeding that better nature of his, which looks for glory and for God, unless he keeps in personal touch with the needs of a lost and ruined world. Our own beloved State which is rapidly developing in Baptist ideas with reference to the faith once delivered unto the saints, has been wonderfully blessed in its Baptist papers. The Biblical Recorder has been for many years the medium of the great Baptist host in our State. The fathers who have fallen asleep talked to each other through its columns and it has rendered the most valuable assistance in fostering and developing all the features of our denominational work. The North Carolina Baptist, the mighty champion of temperance and civil righteousness, has been a most faithful and zealous worker for our Baptist cause, and with its sweet and even tempered and conservative spirit is doing a grand work in the State and nation and deserves the patronage of our people. Charity add Children which is constantly sending its messages of reciprocated love from our orphan children to their friends and brethren from the mountains to the seashore, ought to be found in every home. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and the Home Mission Journal, published in Atlanta, Ga., should be found in all our homes We urge our people to keep all these papers and good sound literature in their homes, and keep out as a venomous reptile those heretical papers and dangerous literature, which is now being spread broadcast by false teachers under the very shadow of our churches and Christian homes. Put into all our homes that material which defends truth and righteousness, and points out that strait and narrow way which leads to glory and to God, and blissful immortality beyond the grave.

JAMES A. SMITH.

Rev. Braxton Craig was relieved by the Moderator from writing report on Aged Ministers, and Rev. J. B. Newton requested to write report in his stead.

The chair appointed Rev. J. B. Newton to conduct devotional exercises on Wednesday morning.

On motion adjourned until 9:30 A. M , Wednesday.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30. Moderator in the chair. Devotional exercises conducted by J. B. Newton.

On motion it was ordered that a place be set apart on the front of the Minutes for a digest of the place, time, and officers of each session of the Association.

Report on Temperance read and submitted by Dr. Fred, D. Hale, and discussed by Dr. Hale, S. F. Conrad, and J. A Smith.

Report adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

We sincerely thank God for the sweeping victories that have recently been gained by our temperance forces throughout the Old North State, and for the growing sentiment in favor of State Prohibition.

The methods of warfare against the distillery and the saloon, viz.:

Local Option, which has heretofore been used by the anti-liquor workers, has succeeded grandly in putting the legalized liquor traffic out of 90 per cent of the territory in the State and in creating public sentiment in the direction of State-wide prohibition

The time has now come for launching a campaign of education the line of work in which our State Anti-Saloon League is engaged. Bro. John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, is the chairman of the Executive Committee of the League, and is pressing the work all along the line—looking to a great meeting of the League, before the political conventions and primaries, soon after January of next year. Bro. R. L. Davis, of Warren Plains, is the State Organizer. He is going all over the State, speaking and organizing County Anti-Saloon Leagues, preparatory to the battle royal in behalf of State Prohibition at the meeting of our next General Assembly in January, 1909.

Be it therefore resolved, 1. That we hereby express our hearty endorsement of the principle of State Prohibition and pledge ourselves to help in driving the distillery and the saloon from those counties that are still cursed by their presence

2. That we hereby express our sympathy with the State Anti-Saloon League and pledge to it our support in carrying forward the work in which it is engaged,

FRED. D. HALE,
L. R. HIGHSMITH

Report on State Missions read and submitted by W. B. Rivenbark and discussed by W. B. Rivenbark and Braxton Craig Report adopted.

STATE MISSIONS.

When the great commission was given by our Lord to His disciples, it was the urgent authorization of world-wide missions, and in it was the implied method of all divinely approved missionary procedure. They were told that this world-wide evangelism must have its beginning from, and have its base of operations in, the capital of the Jewish life and influence. The motive, then of State evangelism is the motive of world-wide evangelism. The actual work of saving the pagan world must, of course, be done upon pagan soil; but the conditions out of which both the work and the workers in Foreign Missions come must be created here at home.

The State Mission Board began its work seventy-seven years ago, The results amply justify the wisdom of our fathers in this great undertaking Accurate statistics were not given by the missionaries until 1882, just twenty-five years ago

From these statistics are gathered the following interesting figures:

Number baptized by our missionaries	31,179
Churches organized on mission fields	787
Houses of worship built on mission fields	735
Amount paid for building houses on mission fields	$156,313 08
Sunday Schools organized by missionaries	873

There are in the State 1,821 Missionary Baptist Churches Seven hundred and eighty-seven, three-sevenths of these, were organized by the missionaries of the Board, within the last twenty-two years. It would be entirely safe to say that half the Baptist churches in North Carolina were organized by the missionaries of the Board.

It is no exagrepation to claim that two-thirds of the money that comes into the Lord's treasury for our general work comes from churches that were organized by or were beneficiaries of our Board. Last year fifty-eight churches gave each one hundred dollars or over to Foreign Missions. Of these, forty-four are churches that have been aided by the Board, leaving only fourteen that had not been aided. Five churches gave last year $500 or more, each to Foreign Missions,

and every one of these five was founded or fostered by the Board. It will be seen by these facts that in the work of State Missions we have been laying the foundation for the enlargement of every department of our work.

As much as has been done, much remains to be done. A large area of rich, virgin soil remains untouched. There are five counties in the State with only one resident Baptist pastor to the county, and that one would not be there were he not supported in large measure by the Board. There are four county seats in no one of which is there a Baptist church or a Baptist preacher. Many towns are yet unoccupied, and are making urgent appeals to the Board for help. Many of the towns which the Board aided in establishing the first church are now asking help for one or more mission points. This is due to the rapid growth of many of our towns.

A great door of opportunity stands before the Baptists of North Carolina, and State Missions is the key that can unlock that door. A dollar put in State Missions at many points, to-day, will be worth as much as ten dollars will be ten years from now.

At many places in our State where the material prosperity is greatest, there is greatest religious destitution If we allow these prosperous communities to go unsupplied with Gospel privileges, we will be unfaithful to the Great Being who has commanded us to preach the Gospel everywhere, "beginning at Jerusalem." State Missions means the salvation of North Carolina. A golden opportunity now confronts us, and God is saying to us as clearly as He did to Israel of old. "Go forward."

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. RIVENBARK.

Moderator appointed W. B. Rivenbark to write report on Foreign Missions.

Geo E. Leftwich read and submitted report of Executive Committee, and discussed by G. E Leftwich. Report adopted.

Your Committee feels that our general work is in a much more hopeful condition than one year ago. Nearly all of our churches during the past year have had good meetings, with a large number of additions; and the spiritual condition of the churches generally improving. Yet the weak point, as we see it, and one that has not improved during my term of office, is lack of co-operation—the failure of our people to realize that your Committee can do really nothing, unless we get their warmest and active support, and we urge our people during this year to keep in close touch with Committee.

Respectfully,

GEO. E. LEFTWICH, Committee.

Our Association is helping through our State Board as follows:

Olivet, 35.00 J D. Hocut, Pastor; Castle Haynes, 75 00. J. M Bennett, Pastor; French's Creek, 50.00, J B. Newton, Pastor: South Side, 150.00, G. A. Martin, Pastor: Onslow field, 300.00, J. W. Smith, Pastor.

On motion adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:30 P. M., and opened with song and with prayer by Braxton Craig.

Minutes of last session read and approved.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee, nominated the following as Committee: Geo E. Leftwich, D. J. Corbett, Sr., W. H. Lewis, V. Sidbury. R. P Hinton, and D. L. Gore.

Report adopted.

Dr. Fred. D Hale was appointed a member of the State Mission Board from this Association.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by J. W. Smith, and discussed by Braxton Craig.

Collection taken for Orphanage amounting to 15.25.

Report adopted.

ORPHANAGE

The Orphanage is twenty-two years old. During last year it sheltered three hundred and seventy-three children, and had present at the Annual Meeting, three hundred and forty-three. We have now three hundred and fifty. with room for perhaps 20 more children. Since last year, one new dormitory has been added. now making ten in all. A tabernacle has peen built, with a seating capacity of two thousand, which is admirably suited for our Annual Meeting. and all our services during the hot summer months The Noah Richardson Library Building is ready for the roof. Work is already begun on the new Infirmary, and it is expected that this building will be closed in by the cold weather. The health of the Institution has been excellent, only one or two cases of serious sickness during the entire year, and we begin a new year in our school work with better prospects than ever before. Last year the old debt was practically paid off, but we are sorry to report that, since that time, the regular contributions have not been large enough to meet the running expenses. The pledges of last year are not large enough to take care of the Orphanage during the year before us. The number of children has increased, and the cost of living has not grown less. but has increased with our numbers. When the current fund runs below $550.00 a week, we are running behind, and this will be greater as the number grows.

The Orphanage comes before the Association this year without any special cry of distress. We have had no epidemics, no destructive fires, no great debt to report. So we cannot go into hysterics over any of these things for collection purposes All we have to offer is a year of prosperity and three hundred and fifty children. We believe that this is appeal enough to right thinking people to insure sufficient contributions to save us from another debt. We urge a better organization of our Sunday Schools around the Orphanage work. A club of Charity and Children in every Sunday School. and a collection once a month from every one of these schools, is the cry And we urge, also, a special effort at Thanksgiving in every church Our Thanksgiving offering last year was the best in the history of the Institution. We trust we have reached the time when Thanksgiving Day in all our churches means Orphanage Day, and that giving to the Orphanage shall be our finest expression of Thanksgiving.

We are making a special appeal to the women of our State to build the new Infirmary. It is to be called the "Woman's Building." This building is greatly needed for two reasons: First, Because the old Infirmary is totally inadequate, and in the Second place, The old Infirmary can be used for another purpose which is greatly needed. It will then be the central sewing building So, by building the new Infirmary, we gain two objects; an up to date Infirmary, and a place where sewing may be taught, and our mending and making of clothes systematized, thereby giving much needed relief to the work of the matrons. Our work increases every year, making it necessary to add these improvements. These do not add luxuries to the Orphanage, but simply add to its efficiency in the work of training the boys and girls committed to our care.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SMITH.

Rev. G. A. Martin was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Clerk of the Association was instructed to apportion the expenses of the trip among the churches and request them to send the amounts

Committee on Time and Place report: Time for next Association, Tuesday after second Sunday in October. 1908.

Place: Wallace, N. C.

Introductory Sermon: C. F. Whitlock; Alternate: W. L. Britt.

Missionary Sermon: G. A. Martin; Alternate: J. H. Dobson.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and submitted by J. B. Newton.

Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

This Board was formed by the Baptist State Convention about 17 years ago, for the purpose of caring for our aged and worn out ministers when they have little or no means of support. Our churches have been asked to contribute liberally to this worthy object. Our last year's minutes report about $125.00 pledged by our churches; several churches not pledging anything. About $36 16 paid. Let our churches rally to this Board. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. NEWTON, Com.

Finance Committee report, and report adopted

Report on Home Missions read and submitted by C. F. Whitlock, and discussed by C. F. Whitlock and S. F. Conrad.

Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

The field for Home Mission work is North America with its adjacent islands. The inspiring motto on the Home Mission Banner is "North America for Jesus" As related to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, our field of operations is the southland from Cuba to the fertile plains of the west, and from the Gulf to Mason and Dixon's Line. This is a field vast in area, rich in natural resources, and already white for harvest

The Board had in the field last year 865 workers who tried to supply 3,128 churches and stations with the Gospel, and the number of baptisms reported by them was 15,526. This was done at a cost of $236 000.

The work attempted by the Board is varied in its character. Since 1904 by the direction of the Convention, the Board has given, each year, $15,000 to help negro missionaries in giving the Gospel to their people.

Those who have studied the condition of our mountain people have decided that the best way to help them is to give them Baptist schools, and in this region the Board has 24 Christian Academies which are being enlarged from time to time, and are still far from being adequate to accommodate all who apply for admission.

In the Western States and Territories we are trying to establish churches in the rapidly growing towns and cities that are springing up, and also to give the Gospel to the remnant of the Indians.

We are also confronted with the great task of Christianizing the ever-increasing flood of foreign-born imigration that is pouring into our borders.

The vastness of the work and the great necessity of doing it now, is sufficient argument to convince any who stop to consider it, of the Boards great and pressing need of prayers, men, and money; and what are the resources of the Board for these things? The Baptist Churches

of the Southern Baptist Conventon, not one-half of which are enlisted in the work.

The great and practical question, therefore, for us to consider is, How to enlist the sympathy, prayers and purses of all our people and churches in this great work? Upon this important question your committee closes with one suggestion: It must be done through their leaders—the pastors of the churches C. F. WHITLOCK.

Committee on Digest of Church Letters submit their report and, on motton, the reading of the report is dispensed with and the report is referred back to the chairman to make the report fuller before the same is recorded in the minutes.

The Moderator requested Bro. A. L. Pridgen and Bro. D. J. Corbett, Sr., to investigate the cause for Bear Branch Church not reporting to the Association.

On motion, adjourned until 7:30 P. M,

EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 7:30 P. M. and opened with song service.

Missionary Sermon preached by Rev. J. A. Smith. Text: Matthew, 28: 19—29,, Mark, 16: 16.

Report on Foreign Missions read and submitted by W. B. Rivenbark and discussed by W. B. Rivenbark. Report adopted

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of sending the gospel of Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth had its origin in heaven.

"For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son to seek and to save that which was lost."

When that son came from the grave, a conqueror over death and hell, meeting His disciples He said unto them: "As my father hath sent me. even so I send you. Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

In view of the fact that God has committed the work of evangelizing the world to His people, let us lift up our eyes and view the conditions and needs that appeal to us as His professed followers.

There are three hundred millions of Catholics preaching a perverted gospel in papal fields At the same time think of the ten hundred millions of people in pagan fields who have never heard of Jesus. To all of these we must send the pure gospel. In Africa, China and Japan we have 189 missionaries from this country and 300 native workers

Five main propositions govern the support given missions by our churches:

1. Our Lord commands it As His followers by profession none have the right to do aught but strive to perform any duty He lays out for them to do

2. The preaching of the Word by men is the only means Christ has to give the gospel to the world. Men might have been saved by signs and wonders, but they are not; they are saved through the preaching of the gospel by men. If the world receives the gospel men must bear the tidings, and if men do not send or carry the gospel everywhere it will not go everywhere.

3 Universal witnessing is required of every believer Every disciple of Christ may assist in the support of the gospel in all lands and by so doing be a witness in all lands. To fail in this is to fall short of Christ's missionary ideal

4. Giving to promote, promulgate and dlsseminate the gospel is the

law of growth in the churches. The measure of a church's prosperity is determined by the measure of its giving to the spread of the gospel. Withholding from the Lord's treasury means spiritual dearth both direful and dreadful. It is the main condition of growth.

5. The Christian's personal happiness and prosperity are conditioned on the attitude toward this important question. The measure of each individual's activity in promoting the gospel shall be the measure of his personal happiness and prosperity. Give little; have little. Give much; have much.

Last year the Southern Baptist Convention gave $403,811.54 to Foreign Missions, an advance of 33⅓ per cent. over the previous year. Let us make an advance in giving to the cause of Christ, for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

W. B. RIVENBARK

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees:

Digest of Church Letters—H. G. Fennell.
Sunday Schools—W. B. Rivenbark.
State Missions—C F. Whitlock.
Home Missions—J. A. Smith
Foreign Missions——G. A. Martin.
General Education—J. M. Bennett
Ministerial Education—J. B. Newton
Temperance—Fred. D. Hale
Ministerial Relief—J. H. Dobson.
Periodicals and Religious Literature—O. P. Meeks.
Orphanage—C H. Utley.
Associational History and Obituaries—J. D. Hocutt.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submitted by J. T. Bland and discussed by G. E. Leftwich. Report adopted.

ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY AND OBITUARIES

This is the seventh annual meeting of the Association since its organization. The letters from the churches indicate quite an increase in the volume of business done in the Kingdom of our Lord. The outlook is most hopeful. All the thirty-four churches have pastors except Bear Branch and Blackwell. The pledges indicate an increase of about one-fourth over the gifts of the past year. This session of the Association has been harmonious and enthusiastic The churches have not reported a list of their dead, and we have no means of knowing who have passed over the river during the past year

One man of prominence and influence, Bro J. C. Stevenson of the First Church, Wilmington, passed to his reward on April 13th. For many years he had been a faithful member of the church and an enthusiastic teacher in the Sunday school; also Bro J L Watson, a very prominent and influential member and clerk of Caswell Church, passed to his reward since our last Association.

Sister Andrew Moore, a much beloved and prominent member of Caintuck Church, has been called to her reward during this year.

J. T. BLAND, Com.

Report on Ministerial Education read and submitted by G. A. Martin and discussed by F. D Hale. Report adopted

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We live in a most wonderful age of educational interest and development. Never in the history of the world has the subject of education so fastened itself upon the mind and heart of the people never did our educational institutions receive such princely gifts from the people, never were they so well equipped and so able to enter the field and do heir work as now. Thus we have placed within easy reach of every ambitious boy or girl a college or university to which they may go and

be trained for life's great task. The result is that our people are fast becoming an educated people, hence the importance of an educated ministry.

Never. perhaps. in the history of the denomination has there been such a demand for an educated, up-to-date ministry—men well equipped for the very important and awfully responsible work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Ample facilities for such equipment are provided for in our Wake Forest College and the Southeru Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville. Ky. We commend these institutions to you as worthy of your confidence and support.

The fact that our country is being overrun with an endless variety of false teachers makes it all the more important that we send out the men called of God to preach the gospel of His Son prepared to defend the truth against error. Your committee would ask that you give the subject of Ministerial Education a lagre place in your hearts and contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN, for Com.

The Treasurer submitted the followlng report which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Charge Treasurer as follows:	Dr.
To balance on hand as per last report	$ 6.10
To amount received from Salt Marsh Church	2.70
To amount received from Finance Committee Wilmington Association—	
For Minutes and Clerk	32 94
" Associational Missions	4.00
" State Missions, Livingston Johnson	152.46
" Home Missions	49.11
" Foreign Missions	88.75
" Ministerial Education	27 63
" Ministerial Relief	36.16
" Orphanage (including collection)	123.24
" Gospel Missions	2.43
" Colportage	.59
" Sunday School Missions	1.00
" Riley's Creek Church, balance on pledges not designated	13.70
Total receipts	$540 81

DISBURSEMENTS.

Credit Treasurer as follows:	Cr.
By amount sent to L. Johnson (March 15, 1907)	$ 2.70
Balance on hand	$538.11

L. R. HIGHSMITH.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the brethren and sisters of Jacksonville Church and friends in Jacksonville for their generous hospitality.

The business of the session being finished, the seventh annual session of the Wilmington Association adjourned to meet with the Wallace Baptist Church, at Wallace, N. C., on Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, 1907.

GEO. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator.

C. E McCULLEN, Clerk.

PLEDGES.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Ministers' Relief.	Sunday School Missions.
Atkinson	10.00	5.00	5.00	7.00	2 00	2.00	
Barlow's Chapel	25 00	10.00	15.00	15 00	5.00	7.50	
Bethlehem	15.00	10.00	12.50	15.00	10.00	5 00	
Bear Branch							
Blackwell							
Burgaw	25.00	5 00	50 00	10.00	5.00	5.00	
Caintuck	20.00	10 00	10.00	20.00	7.50	7.50	
Caswell	2 50	2 50	2.50	2.50		1.50	
Catherine Lake	5.00	4 00		4 00	1.00	2.00	
Castle Haynes							
Emma's Chapel	10.00	7.50	7.50	5.00	2.00	2.00	
French's Creek	5 00	3.00	3.00	4.00	2.00	2.00	
Harmony	10.50	5 00	10.00	10.00	5 00	5 00	
Haw Bluff							
Long Creek	10.00	5.00	15.00	3.00		5 00	
Jacksonville	15.00	5.00	5.00	10 00	2.00	5.00	
Masonboro	10.00	5.00	15 00	10.00	2 00	2 00	2.00
Moore's Creek	15.00	7.50	7.50	20.00	5.00	5 00	
Mt. Holly	12.00	5.00	10.00	15.00		3.00	
Olive Branch	5.00		5.00				
Olivet	5.00	2.00	1.50	5.00			
Providence	2.50	1.00	1.00	2.00		1.00	
Riley's Creek	10.00	5.00	5.00	10 00	3.00	3.00	
Salt Marsh	2 00	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	
Shiloh	5.00	1.00	25.00	5.00		1.00	
Salem	5.00	2.00	2.00	5.00		2.00	
Tar Landing	1.00	1.00		2.00		2.00	
Teachey	30 00	10.00	10 00	30.00	5.00	5.00	
Wallace	10.00	10.00	10.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	
Well's Chapel	10.00	15.00		15.00	5 00	10.00	
Willard	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	
Wilmington—First	500.00	400.00	1000.00	200.00	50 00	25.00	
Wilmington—Brooklyn	40 00	25.00	40 00	75 00	10 00	15 00	
Wilmington—Southside	50.00	20.00	30 00	45 00	10.00	10 00	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES.	Minute Fund.	Associational Fund	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	Minister's Relief.	Orphanage.	Gospel Missions.	Colportage	Sunday School Missions	Balance on Pledges not Divided.
Atkinson	1 00											
Barlow's Chapel	2.00					2.50	7.50					
Burgaw	2.00		22 35		13 04	5.00	5 00					
Canetuck	1.25											
Caswell	1.20											
Catherine Lake	25		3 00			50						
Castle Haynes	50		5.00	2 00				1.00				
Emma's Chapel	1 50											
French's Creek	1 00		1.40			1.12						
Haw Bluff	76	2.00	2 00	2 00	2 00		1.00	2 00				
Harmony	1 00		11.66	4.72	12.00			11.20				
Jacksonville	1 00											
Long Creek	25					4 28	1.66			59		
Masonboro	1.00		5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	2.00	5.50			1.00	
Moore's Creek	1.46		15 00		8.00			10 00				
Mt. Holly	1 00		12.72	6.00	1 36			1.53				
Olive Branch			6.15	6 15	6.15			6 15				
Olivet	50		5 95					2 93	2.40			
Providence			5 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	2.00	5 00				
Riley's Creek	82											13.70
Shiloh	50		5.00	2.00				7 38				
Salt Marsh	50		2.00	1.00	1.00	1 00	1 00	1.00				
South Side	1.50											
Salem	75		26	2 00								
Tar Landing	1.50			1.00	1.00							
Teachey's	1.50		40.00		10 00	5.00	5 00	25 67				
Well's Chapel	5 00			2.24	17.20	3 23	5.00					
Wilmington	70											
Willard	2 50		5 00	5 00	5.00	1.00	1.00	8.00				
Wallace		2.00		10.00	5 00	2.00	5.00	20.00				
From Union			62 4.26					63				
	32.94	4 00	152.46	49 11	88 75	27.63	36.16	107 99	2.43	59	1.00	13 70

RECAPITULATION.

Minutes and Clerk	32.94	Minister's Relief	36.16	Sunday School Mis.	1.00
Association Missions	4 00	Orphanage including		Riley's Creek, bal. off	
State Missions	152 46	Collection to-day of		Ledger, not designated	13.70
Home Missions	49 11	$15.25	123 24		
Foreign Missions	88 75	Gospel Missions	2.43		
Ministerial Educa'n	27.62	Colportage	59	Total	532.01

The Finance Committe beg leave to submit the foregoing tabulated report of the funds sent up to this Association by the messengers and, with the Letters from the various churches, and paid over to our hands, and we are ready to turn the same over to the Treasurer upon the authority of your body.

J. T. BLAND, J. B. NEWTON, W. T. HARRELSON,
Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairing	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses.	Poor.	State Missions	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday School Missions.	Orphanage.	Colleges and Schools.	Ministerial Education	Old Ministers' Relief.	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Total.
Atkinson	100.00	131.26		31.00		3 23	9.24	5.00		7.53				1 00		288 26
Barlow's Chapel	150.00		11.75		7 00	22.50	17.35	15.12		15 10		2 50	7 50	2 00	56.55	307.37
Bear Branch																
Bethlehem	150.00			6.00		12.50	7 50	13.75		15.00		10 00	5 00	1.25		221 00
Blackwell's																
Burgaw	150.00	200.00	15.00	20.00		30.00	7.50	50.00		15 36		5 00	5.00	2.00	23 18	523.04
Canetuck	125.00			12 00		20.00	10 00	10.00		20.00		7 50	7.50	1.25		213.25
Castle Haynes	150 00		2.00			5.00	2 00	2.00		1.00					10.00	172 00
Caswell	125.00	1.85		7.77			2 45	5 58								142 65
Catherine Lake	25.00					5 00	3.00			3.00		2 00		25		38.25
Emma's Chapel	100.00			8.90		5 00	5 00	5 00		5 30		2.00	2 00	1 50		133 80
French's Creek	125.00	2000.00	112.00	6.22	8.87	3 69	2.75	3 74	1.12	3.73		1 12	68	1 00		2269 92
Harmony	100 00	80.59		10.88		12.66	4 72	12 00		11.20				1.00	41 00	274 05
Haw Bluff	100.00			1.95	9 60	6 50	3.00	3 15		3 25				76	25 40	150 61
Jacksonville	139 96	265.56	124 68	55.25		8 00	5 00	5 00		14.05	1 00			1.00	1 00	610 50
Long Creek	100.00		23.00	5.54		5.00	5.00	15 72		4 41				1.66	25	160 58
Masonboro	96 00		15.00	30.00	11 50	5 00	2 00	30 06	1.00	11.50		1 00	2 00	1 00	65.00	271 00
Moore's Creek	125.00		20 00			15 00		8.09		10.50					1.46	179 46
Mt. Holly	100.00					4.28		3.64	5.00	17.88				3.02	1.00	156 82
Olive Branch	60.00				5.00	6 15	6.15	6 15		6.15					22.00	89 60
Olivet	32.00			2.20	13.21	5.95		2.43		5 50				50		61.79
Providence	50.00					5 00	3.00	2 00		5 00		1.00	2.00			68.00
Riley's Creek	140.00		23.00	5.00		10 00	4.00	5 00		8 00			3 00	82		198 82
Salem	60 00		2.88			6.00	2 00			4.75			1.90	75		78 28
Salt Marsh	75.00		18 00	3.00	5.60	2 00	1.00	1.00		1 00		1 00	1 00	5		109 10
Shiloh			7.86			5 00	2.00	16.79		7 38				50		39 53

Tar Landing	15 00	50.00	2.00	10.00	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	...	3 00	.....	.. ..	1.00	.....	....	84 00
Teachey's	125 00	. ....	.....	18.00	.....	40.00	10.00	10 00		30 00	..	5.00	5 00	1 50	42 26	290.76
Wallace	136.80	3044.25	.....	.....	....	12.00	10 00	5 00	....	20 00	.....	2 00	5 00	2.50	10 0	3247 55
Wells' Chapel	175 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	13 00	10 00	57 20	....	16 50	.....	3 23	5 00	1.50	14 00	299 49
Willard	100.00	10.00	28.00	21 85	.....	5.00	5.00	5 00	....	8 00	.....	1 00	1 00	70	.. ....	185 55
Wilmington—First	2400 00	1603.57	2018.89	398.94	286.42	534.49	742.72	1261 65		224 71	351.00	53 00	1 60	5.00	318 30	10 203 29
Wilmington—Brookyn	1000.00	45 85	321.86	165.98	10.10	.....	52 51	.	....	25 88	.....	.....	....	.....	977 05	2598 63
Wilmington—South Side.	608.20	84.10	200.69	73.78	21 23	70.29	20.00	37.82	....	39.80	....	.. ...	.. ..	.....	3 25	1159 16
Total	6927.96	7517.83	2946.11	890 26	379.52	879 30	955.89	1598.74	7.12	563.98	352.00	100 35	61.86	29.53	1613.45	24,826 11

SOCIETY CONTRIBUTIONS.

	WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.				YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.					United Workers	KING'S DAUGHTERS.					WILLING WORKERS.			
	Incidentals	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Building and Repairing	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Other Objects	Building and Repairing	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	The Poor	Orphanage	Other Objects	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	TOTAL
Wilmington—First	12.00	52.75	136.23	208.85	32.25	15.19	25.59	27.00	5 30	636.52	5.00	8.85	18.00	5.00	31.00	.....	.....	.....	1,215.33
Wilmington—Southside	. ...	15 00	4.00	9 00	.....	.....	. . .	.....	....	.....	...	...	.....	...	.....	15.00	11.00	22.75	76 75

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTEND'S.	POST OFFICE	Baptisms from School	Average Attendance.	Months Open	Papers and Quarterlies Taken.	Volumes in Library	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Totals.
Atkinson	G W. Smith	Atkinson	6	65	12	64	....	1	5	83	88
Barlow's Chapel	K. D. Thomas	Holly Ridge	4	47	12	52	....	1	6	65	71
Bear Branch			....	..	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith	Currie	....	30	12	40	75	1	7	....	....
Blackwell's			....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Burgaw	J. T Bland	Burgaw	10	50	12	100	....	1	12	80	92
Canetuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Currie	....	24	12	50	....	1	4	44	48
Castle Hayne			....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Caswell	Wm. Malpass	Currie	5	....	12	3	....	1	6	34	40
Catherine Lake			....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Emma's Chapel	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	8	28	12	103	....	1	9	48	57
French's Creek	L. H. Vollers	Kelly	15	60	12	85	....	1	5	87	92
Harmony	J L. Costin	Ivanhoe	22	70	12	117	....	1	7	138	145
Haw Bluff			....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Jacksonville	M. B Humphrey	Jacksonville	11	33	12	100	....	1	6	41	47
Long Creek	O D. Malpass	Burgaw	5	20	12	33	....	1	10	33	43
Masonboro	J P. Herring	Wilmington	5	30	12	75	....	1	5	49	54
Moore's Creek			....	....	....	....	....	..	....	....	....
Mt Holly	A. Carroll	Watha	3	80	12	100	....	2	10	127	137
Olive Branch	C. C Williamson	Wilmington	....	40	12	75	....	1	8	72	80
Olivet	N. J. Lanier	Rocky Point	2	29	12	26	....	1	7	46	54
Providence	R. D Thomas	Holly Ridge	....	25	12	48	18	1	6	36	42
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins	Rocky Point	18	25	12	25	....	1	6	25	31

Salem	J. C. Davis	Sneed's Ferry	7	20	12	50	....	1	5	30	35
Salt Marsh	W. J. Killy	Nat Moore	....	24	12	32	....	1	5	40	45
Shiloh	Alfred Kenan	Ivanhoe	....	30	12	....	....	1	4	40	44
Tar Landing	Jas. Dawson	Jacksonville	4	30	12	60	....	1	6	40	46
Teachey's	A. F. Bland W. S. Teachey	Teachey Wallace	4	130	12	130	....	2	11	150	161
Wallace	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	....	....
Well's Chapel	J. R. Highsmith	Kerr	....	....	12	....	....	..	..	....	....
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark	Willard	3	52	12	120	....	1	6	70	76
Wilmington—First	B. T. Hopkins	Wilmington	40	291	12	....	....	1	27	348	375
Wilmington—Brooklyn	C. E. Rice	Wilmington	....	152	12	....	....	1	17	....	....
Wilmington—Southside	A. L. Vann	Wilmington	14	85	12	100	75	1	15	100	115

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE	Sunday of Meeting.
Atkinson	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson	4th.
Barlow's Chapel	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1st
Bear Branch					
Bethlehem	C. H Utley	Burgaw	W. C. Keith	Currie	1st.
Blackwell's			J. A. Yopp	Wilmington	
Burgaw	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	3rd.
Canetuck	C. H. Utley	Burgaw	D. J. Corbett. Sr	Currie	2nd.
Castle Haynes	J. M Bennett	Burgaw	J. A. Smith	Castle Hayne	2nd.
Caswell	O. P. Meeks	Fayetteville	Scott Vollers	Pt. Caswell	4th.
Catherine Lake	J W. Smith	Catherine Lake	John Marshburn	Catherine Lake	4th.
Emma's Chapel	J. W, Smith	Catherine Lake	W. E. Taylor	Bichlands	1st.
French's Creek	J. B. Newton	Kerr	L. M. Porter	Kelly	2nd.
Harmony	W B. Rivenbark	Teachey	L. P. Rooks	Ivanhoe	4th.
Haw Bluff	J. H Dobson	Atkinson	L. C. Boswell	Fatina	3rd
Jacksonville	E. C. Andrews	Swansboro	R. P Hinton	Jacksonville	1st and 2nd.
Long Creek	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	O. D. Marpass	Burgaw	4th.
Masonboro	G. A. Martin	Wilmington	Addison Hewlett	Wilmington	1st and 3rd
Moore's Creek	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	Geo. H. Highsmith	Currie	4th.
Mt Holly	W. B Rivenbark	Teachey's	Isaiah Carroll	Watha	4th.
Olive Branch	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	Miss Alma Hewlett	Wilmington	2nd.
Olivet	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	I. T. Lanier	Rocky Point	1st.
Providence	J. M. Bennett	Burgaw	R. H. Bethea	Holly Ridge	2nd
Riley's Creek	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	J. D Mahn	Rocky Point	3rd.
Salem	J. W. Smith	Catherine Lake	J. E. Robinson	Sneed Ferry	3rd.
Salt Marsh	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson,	R. G. Brown	Nat Moore	4th.
Shiloh	J D. Hocutt	Ashton	H. A. Bland	Watha	
Tar Landing	J. W. Smith	Catherine Lake	S. Burton	Tar Landing	2nd.

Teachey's	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey's	B. P. Teachey	Teachey's	2nd.
Wallace	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	Joseph Brooks	Wallace	4th.
Wells' Chapel	J A Smith	Wilmington	L. D. Highsmith	Willard	2nd
Willard	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey's	W. F. Brown	Willard	2nd.
Wilmington—First	Fred. D. Hale	Wilmington	Jas. W. Collins	Wilmington	Each.
Wilmington—Brooklyn	C. F. Whitlock	Wilmington	C. S. Britt	Wilmington	Each.
Wilmington—South Side	G. A. Martin	Wilmington	J. F. Littleton.	Wilmington	Each.

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1905	Teachey's	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McCaughn.
1906	Wilmington—Brooklyn Church.	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred. D. Hale.

STATISTICAL.

CHURCHES.	Constituted.	Value of Church Property.	MEMBERSHIP.									
			Increase			Decr'se			Present Membership.	Males.	Females.	Reported Last Year.
			By Baptism	By Letter.	Restoration	By Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.				
Atkinson	1904	1,400	6	6	..	3	.	1	101	44	57	82
Barlow's Chapel	1870	1,000	8	1	13	...	..	4	125	56	69	110
Bear Branch	....	.....	...	...	..	...	.	..	...	..	..	...
Bethlehem	..	..	...	...	..	4	..	3	136	56	80	147
Blackwell's	....	....	...	...	..	..	..	..	...	..	..	48
Burgaw	1882	3,000	10	11	..	13	1	..	112	43	69	101
Canetuck	...	400	..	..	..	4	.	1	135	58	77	140
Castle Haynes	....	1 200	6	1	..	...	..	1	27	6	21	21
Caswell	..	800	7	1	4	3	..	1	59	24	35	51
Catherine Lake	....	600	4	..	..	1	..	.	22	5	17	20
Emma's Chapel	1880	700	32	4	3	1	.	..	86	43	43	48
French's Creek	....	2.000	32	1	..	...	..	..	70	29	41	21
Harmony	....	600	22	4	..	...			83	33	50	55
Haw Bluff	1859	450	3	..	1	4	7	1	99	38	61	107
Jacksonville	....	2.000	12	2	.	3	..	1	52	21	31	24
Long Creek	1871	500	6	...	..	2	2	2	121	49	72	117
Masonboro	....	1,000	7	3	2	.	..	1	114	50	64	118
Moore's Creek	....	500	3	2	..	...	.	1	106	46	60	107
Mt. Holly	..	600	7	2	1	3	1	..	123	48	75	119
Olive Branch	1880	.. ..	1	2	..	2	2	.	70	30	40	84
Olivet	..	1,000	...	...	..	2	..	1	42	15	37	42
Providence	....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	24	7	17	28
Riley's Creek	....	800	21	2	4	8	..	..	142	58	84	107
Salem	1877	200	8	1	..	3	1	.	53	27	26	49
Salt Marsh	.	300	...	...	..	2	1	1	54	22	32	50
Shiloh	1853	.....	...	3	1	6	1	3	145	60	85	145
Tar Landing	....	700	7	1	1	4	.	..	20	8	12	19
Teachey's	. .	2,500	4	6	..	6	..	1	154	74	80	167
Wallace	1905	6,000	34	11	1	5	..	2	151	68	83	115
Well's Chapel	1751	....	...	4	.	9	..	1	217	109	198	223
Willard	....	800	8	7		...	1	..	107	38	69	97
Wilmington—First	1828	45,000	58	108	8	57	5	12	804	316	488	704
Wilmington—Brooklyn	....	.....	20	12		6	..	1	285	112	173	265
Wilmington—Southside	....	4 000	22	31	..	7	9	..	223	71	152	186
Total	....	78 050	348	226	36	158	31	39	4062	1664	2398	3717

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

WALLACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Wallace, N. C.

October 13, 14, and 15

1908

For next session: Place of meeting, Atkinson Church, Atkinson, N. C. Time, Tuesday after second Sunday in October, 1909. Introductory Sermon, W. L. Britt; alternate, G. A. Martin. Missionary Sermon, Dr. Fred D. Hale; alternate, O. P. Meeks.

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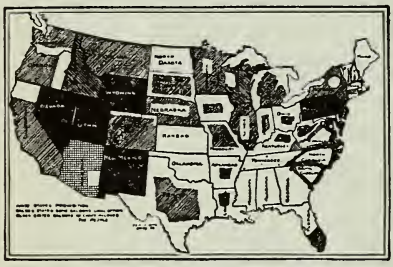

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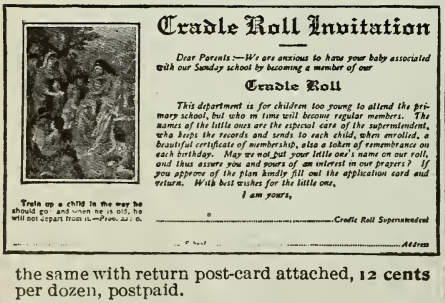

Cradle Roll Invitation

Dear Parents:—We are anxious to have your baby associated with our Sunday school by becoming a member of our

Cradle Roll

This department is for children too young to attend the primary school, but who in time will become regular members. The names of the little ones are the especial care of the superintendent, who keeps the records and sends to each child, when enrolled, a beautiful certificate of membership, also a token of remembrance on each birthday. May we not put your little one's name on our roll, and thus assure you and yours of an interest in our prayers? If you approve of the plan kindly fill out the application card and return. With best wishes for the little one,

I am yours,

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.....Cradle Roll Superintendent

.....Address

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This certifies that _____

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_____ Secretary of the School

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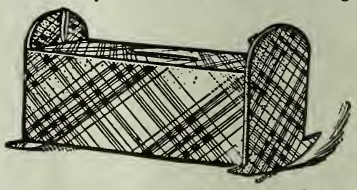

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1907	Jacksonville.....	Geo. E. Leftwich..	C. E. McCullen.....	Fred D. Hale
1908	Wallace.....	Geo. E. Leftwich..	C. E. McCullen.....	C. F. Whitlock

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

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G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.

VICE-MODERATOR:
G. A. Martin, Wilmington, N. C.

CLERK:
C. E. McCullen, Burgaw, N. C.

TREASURER:
L. R. Highsmith, Kerr, N. C.

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Geo. E. Leftwich, D. J. Corbett, Sr. W. H. Lewis. G. A. Martin,
D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

The following is a List of Ministers who are members of this Association with their addresses:

Aman, D. S.....Sloop Point
Britt, W. L.....Richlands
Brinson, H. F. .....Currie
Bryan, L.....Wilmington
Dobson, J. H.....Atkinson
Hale Fred D.....Wilmington
Hocutt, J. D.....Ashton
Marshall, J. R.....Wilmington
Martin, G. A.....Wilmington
Meeks, O. P.....Fayetteville
Newton, J. B.....Kerr
Rivenbark, W. B.....Teachey
Smith. J. A.....Wilmington
Smith, J, W.....Catherine Lake
Utley, C. H..... .....Burgaw
Whitlock, C. F.....Wilmington
Savage, F.....Teachey
Stringfield, J. H..... Atkinson

Chaffin, A. C.....Willard.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son. and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tatling, backbiing and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness or distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules or our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry uot the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however. that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years consecutively.

ART. 6—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasnrer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same; making annual report of their work to the Association which report with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionaires shall report their work quarterly to the Executive committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

ART. 10—The committee on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of this Association.

ART. 11—The Assoctation shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 12—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats and extend to them the privilege of the body except that of voting.

ART.—13—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART, 14—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

ART. 15—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name

3 At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the proceedings of the preceeding daily session read.

4 The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5 Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6 No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7 All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer, before discussion,

8 No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9 When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be recived except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10 After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11 No member shall absent himself during the session of the Association without permission of the presiding officer, and no one shall take final leave of absence without the permission of the Association, and if any shall do so, their absence shall be noted in the Minutes.

12 All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by majority of votes.

13 The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

14 The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.

2 Election of Officers.

3 Calling for petitionary Letters.

4 Appointment of Committees.

5 Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.

6 Reports of Standing Committees.

7 Reports of other Committees.

8 Report of Treasurer.

9 Miscellaneous Business.

10 Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.

11—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

WALLACE, N. C., October 13, 1908.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its Eight Annual session with the Wallace church, a beautiful new building costing about $7,000, at 10:30 A. M. and opened with song and prayer led by Bro. Livingston Johnson, after which roll of churches was called and the following delegates enrolled:

Atkinson: J. D. Lewis
Barlow's Chapel: R. S. Atkinson, J. Justice.
Bethlehem: A. L. Pridgen, Acy Croom.
Bear Branch:
Blackwell:
Burgaw: C. E. McCullen, J. A. Blanchard, J. T. Bland.
Caintuck: D. J. Corbett, Sr.
Caswell: A. B. Rooks.
Catherine Lake:
Castle Hayne:
Emma's Chapel: O. B. Cox.
French's Creek: L. F. Pridgen, E. G. Pridgen.
Harmony: J. L. Costin.
Haw Bluff: O. P. Meeks.
Long Creek: G. A. Herring.
Jacksonville: by letter.
Masonboro: by letter.
Moor's Creek: D. M. Melvin.
Mt. Holly: A. Carroll, J. P. Newton, Herbert Carroll.
Olive Branch: by letter.
Olivet: J. B. Blake. J. W. Lanier, F. C. Sheppard.
Providence: by letter.
Riley's Creek: I. B. Scott.
Salt Marsh: J. H. Squires.
Shiloh: A. T. Herring; F. P. Bland, Major Garriss.
Salem, by letter.
Tar Landing: W. L. Britt.
Teachey: Z. J. Carter, J. D. Teachey, F. Savage.
Wallace: J. H. Jeffries, R. T. Sherfield, T. W. Stallings.
Well's Chapel: L. R. Highsmith, J. W. Parker, T. Johnson.
Willard: B. F. English, Willie Turner, C. V. B. Batts.
Wilmington, First: H. G. Fennell, W. C. Peterson, H. L. Dean.
" Brooklyn: D. L. Core, E. S. Hancock.
" Southside: G. A. Martin and E. E. Russ.

On motion the organization of the Association was gone into, which resulted in the election of the following officers:

Moderator, Geo. E. Leftwich.
Vice Moderator, G. A. Martin.
Clerk, C. E. McCullen.
Treasurer, L. R. Highsmith,

Moderator appointed the following committees:
Finance: A. L Pridgen, O. B. Cox and J. Justice.
Devotional Exercises; Pastor and deacons of Wallace church

The Moderator recognized and welcomed Rev. W. P. M. Currie, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, Subject, The Power of the Cross. After which the Association ajourned to meet again at 2 o'clock P. M.

Association met at 2 o'clock and opened with song and prayer led by Dr. Hale; after which Petitionary letters were called for and Watha church presented a letter asking for admission into this Association and the Moderator appointed Rev. C. F. Whitlock, Rev. O. P. Meeks and Rev. W. L. Britt Committee on Petitionary Letters.

WATHA BAPTIST CHURCH.
TO THE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

Dear Brethren–:

We send as messengers, brethren, B. Moore, A. W. Garriss and B. S. Brinkley.

We ask for admission into your honorable body at this session of the Association. The covenant adopted, by our church, is the one printed on page 2 of your minutes. The articles of our faith are those printed in J. Newton Brown's church manual.

We send, herewith, the letter in regular form with statistics and funds.

Done by church in conference, Oct. 8, 1908.

R. M. MOORE, CLERK, W B. RIVENBARK, MODERATOR.

Report on Ministerial education read and submitted by Rev. J. B. Newton and discussed by J. B. Newton and W. L. Britt. Report adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—REPORT.

Last year there were 75 Ministerial Students at Wake Forest College, 53 were aided by the Board. There were 28 at the Seminary in Louisville and 4 young women in the Training School. Total 107.

The supply is not yet equal to the demand. The call comes for more well equipped men for the Home and Foreign Field. "The harvest truly is great but the laborers are few: "pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into His harvest."

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. NEWTON.

Report on State Missions read and submitted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock, and discussed by Livingston Johnston. D. L. Gore, C. F. Whitlock, J. D. Hocutt and Dr. Hale. Report adopted and pledges taken for State Missions and Ministerial Education.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Missions work is under the direction of what is now known as the "Board of Missions and Sunday Schools." This board was first created 78 years ago and had under its care State Missions only, but its work has been enlarged until it now has under its supervision all departments of mission work, State, Home and Foreign. This Board is composed of one representative from each of the 61 associations of the state together with a number of the brethren from the State at large, who are elected annually at the Stase Convention. The Associational representatives are named by their respective Associations and these nominations are ratified by the State Convention.

The actual work of State Missions is carried on about as follows:

A field, consisting of a church, or group of churches, makes application to the board for help before its regular meeting, which is held

to consider publications and make appropriations for the year. Applications for aid always far exceed the amount to be appropriated and the Board prayerfully considers the needs and the claims of each field and places the money, where in their judgement, it will do most good

In this way missionaries were assisted this year at an expense to the Board of over $38,000 and many needy fields had to be refused help.

The amount to be raised for State Missions this year as fixed by the State Convention when in session at Wilmington was $45,000. Five thousand of this amount goes to a building fund, and the remainder about 6 percent of the whole amount goes to pay the expenses of the Board which are reduced to the minimum, by the members of the Board losing their time and paying their own expenses when attending its meetings.

The field for State Missions is the entire State of N C., which, like "all Gaul" may be divided into three parts, each having its peculiar needs.

The eastern is in most respects the field of greatest destitution. This territory covers 10,000 square miles, thus embracing one-fifth of the entire area of the State. It has a population of near 400,000. In this section there is one Baptist church to every 80 square miles and about one out of every 25 of the white population is a member.

In the Piedmont section the rapid growth of manufacturing interests and consequent increase in the population of the older cities and towns and the springing up of new manufacturing places call loudly upon the State Board for help, and unless we seize the opportunity and enter the open door Baptist interests will suffer.

The western section also has its marvelous undeveloped resources. New railroads are opening up some of the finest sections of the State. A vast amount of undeveloped water power is being harnessed and made to turn the wheels of machinery. These things are opening up new fields for missionary work which must be occupied. So from every part of the State comes the cry for help.

I can only mention in a very brief way some of the blessed results of our State mission work. In the last 25 years, since 1882, our missionaries have baptized about 30,000 converts, they have organized nearly half the Baptist churches; but by far the greatest result has been the work of our missionaries in leading souls to Christ. These will be a crown of glory, throughout eternity, to those who have aided in this work.

One word in closing about our present needs in State Mission work. We need men—strong men, spirit filled men, men upon whom God has laid his hand and into whose heart He has shed abroad His love by the Holy Spirit. We need money to support them, we need every Baptist in the state to pray for them. With these we can take the dear Old North State for Jesus and the truth, and turn her wonderful and rapidly developing resources into a mighty factor in helping to conquer the world and bring it under the bloodstained banner of the Cross of our adorable Redeemer.

C. F. WHITLOCK.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Time and Place—G. A. Herring, D. J. Corbett, Sr., and J. D. Lewis.

To nominate Executive Committee—W. B. Rivenbark, R. S. Atkinson, and W. C. Peterson.

Committee on Devotional Exercise report Rev. O. P. Meeks to conduct devotional exercise tomorrow morning.

Adjourned until 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Association met at 7:30 p. m. and opened with song and prayer by Dr. R. T. Vann.

Missionary sermon preached by Rev. G. A. Martin, after which Dr. R. T. Vann, President of the Baptist University, addressed the Association, and presented the claim of the institution to the Baptist Brotherhood.

Benediction by Rev. C. F. Whitlock. Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning,

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9 o'clock and opened with devotional exercise conducted by Rev. O. P. Meeks.

Minutes of yesterdays proceedings read and corrected, Roll of churches called and delegates enrolled.

The moderator recognized and welcomed the following Brethren: Rev. Livingston Johnson, Secretary of the State Mission Board. Dr. R. T. Vann, President of the Baptist University for Women. E. L. Middleton, Secretary of the Sunday-school Board. S. H. Everett, Treasurer of the Orphanage, and Rev. J. M. Page of the Eastern Association.

Report on Home Missions was read and submitted by Rev. J. A. Smith, and discussed by J. A. Smith, E. L. Middleton, C. F. Whitlock and W. L. Britt. Report adopted and pledges taken for Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board is stronger in the confidence of Southern Baptists today than ever before in the sixty-three years of its history. The work it has accomplished and is accomplishing well merits this confidence. Thousands of churches, houses of worship in almost every city and many country places, and tens of thousands of converts are monuments to its faithfulness and effectiveness as a denominational agent. The partial summary of the work done by the Board's independent and co-operative workers during the past year shows how signal has been this success:

Sermons and Addresses	126,239
Prayer meetings	13,794
Religious Visits	227,474
Baptisms	22,402
Received by letter	18,015
Total additions to churches	40,417
Churches constituted	337
Houses of worship built and improved	338
Sunday Schools organized	1,057
Bibles and Testaments distributed	26,837

In addition to the above there were 327 conversions in the Board's mountain schools.

It will be seen that there were more than 100 additions to the churches for each day in the year.

Figures cannot tell the story of holy Christian influence exerted by these workers, nor the power in life, experience and character of 226, 239 sermons, and 227,474 religious visits.

The denomination showed its growing appreciation of this work by increasing its contributions to home missions by $27,308.94, the total contribution being $248,138.17.

A Committee consisting of two brethren from each state was appointed at Hot Springs to name a reasonable sum to be raised for home missions this year and to suggest an apportionment of the amount among the states. The sum decided upon as reasonable was $325,000, which was divided in just proportion among the several states. While this apportionment is only a suggestion, yet with the history of the work before us. and especially in view of the success of last year, we feel that every effort should be made to realize every dollar of the amount suggested for our State. We recommend therefore, that this Association heartily co-operate in the effort to raise this amount for the support of a work which has been so signally blessed of God and which has accomplished so much good.

J. A. SMITH.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by Rev. C. H. Utley and discussed by S. H. Everett and D. L. Gore. Collection taken for orphanage amounting to $21.13. Report adopted and pledges taken for orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The orphanage at Thomasville is now twenty-four years old. From the founding of the institution it has grown gradually in equipment, and usefulness, until now 385 children are being cared for and educated

THE PLANT,

consists of 485 acres of land, 175 of which are under cultivation; 8 head of horses, 40 head of cattle, and about 50 head of hogs.

The farm while not ideal,contributes much to the maintenance of the children. The past year about 500 bushels of wheat where produced which furnished biscuit for the little fellows for about two months, one and one half barrels of flour per day being required to supply the table with bread, in addition to the cornbread used at the mid day meal.

BUILDINGS,

There are ten dormitories, 5 for the girls, and 5 for the boys; the central school building, consisting of recitation rooms, and an office fairly well equipped; a library building, given by Dr. J. B. Richardson of High Point, costing $2,500; the old infirmary, soon to be converted into a sewing room; when the new infirmary, now being erected by the generosity of the Baptist women of North Carolina, is ready for occupancy. This building has been in process of construction for one year and is to cost $12,000 when complete, $8,000 of the whole amount having been paid already; and the central dining room where all except the very small children are fed, this dining room accmodates about 325 persons.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

THE LAUNDRY.

While the boys find employment in the printing office, the shoe shop, and the planing mill, and on the farm, the girls are employed in the laundry, dining room and sewing room.

Charity and Children, among reading and well informed Baptists of North Carolina, has become the synonyme of our orphanage work. The paper at the present time is publishing some over ten thousand copies weekly, which in clubs of ten or more to one address may be had for the very small sum of sixty cents per copy. The editor of the paper is the bright, versatile and unique Archibold Johnson. The editor and the foreman are the only paid men in the office.

SHOPS

The Institution owns and operates a planing machine, which has been run to great advantage in the years past but which no longer meets the needs and demands for more thorough manual training of the boys. The management is planning for better facilities in the in dustrial department, which will enable them to keep a boy after he gets large enough to work, but is too young to go out in the world alone

THE SHOE SHOP.

It is interesting to note that a shoe shop is kept running for twelve months in the year. In this shop shoes are made for all the children—all they wear. In addition to the shoes made by the children for their own use, some custom work is taken in from outsiders.

The orphanage employs 26 women, 8 men, and one general repair boy.

IN CONCLUSION,

Greater facilities are in urgent demand especially in the industrial department, other orphan children needy, and worthy, are asking admission; while the cost of living in ten years according to the governments official investigation has increased 47 per cent, and increased 5 per cent in 1907. All of which make it absolutely necessary to increase the support given this institution, which possibly more than any other exemplifies the spirit of the "Master who went about doing good."

CHAS. H. UTLEY.

On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Association met at 2 o'clock and opened with singing and prayer led by F. Savage.

Report on Sunday-schools read and submitted by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark and discussed by E. L. Middleton. Report adopted. Pledges taken for Sunday-school missions.

Brethren G. E Leftwich, J. T. Bland and Rev. W. L, Britt were appointed committee on Sunday-schools to co-operate with the Sunday-school Board.

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

All true Christians should engage in doing good and it is an indisputable fact that in their spirit and purpose Sunday-schools are in harmony with gospel methods of doing good and leading the youth of our land to Christ as the great Savior and Redeemer of mankind. The

true Sunday-school idea is a powerful exponent of the fact that God places a most tremendous value upon the souls of men and desires the salvation of the soul in the morning of life.

The grand work of the Sunday-school has led thousands and tens of thousands to Christ and church statistics prove that a large majority of those who are planted in the likeness of Christ's death and raised in the likeness of His resurrection received their first impression in the Sunday-school.

"Duty is ours and results are God's." Fill the young mind and heart with the pure truths of the gospel, that is your work as Christians under the great commission, "Go ye and teach all nations."

In the Sunday-school, as elsewhere, the problem of efficiency is largely a problem of leadership, and the secret of leadership is equipment. The call of God and of every age is for the best equipped men and women to lead effectively in their respective hemispheres that all human forces may vigorously and constantly co-operate in the fulfillment of life's noblest mission. The reflex influence of their effort to teach others is wonderfully felt in their own lives, as Bible students, and in their own souls, as they try to win their pupils to Christ.

The terms Sunday-school and church suggest fellowship, in knowledge and service. The organic ideal to be fostered is for every individual to be a Christian, every Christian a church member, and every church member a Sunday-school scholar, and every scholar an intelligent co-laborer.

The Sunday-school should become the teaching service of the church and the church the worshiping service of the Sunday-school. The Sunday-school is one of the best, if not the best, agents in the creation of the highest ideals of life, and our conception of life and duty reaches no higher than our ideal. There is a general shortage in our Sunday-school work in the highest idealism and noblest realization

We must never forget that the Sunday-school is not a misnomer; it is in reality a school, where the Bible is the text-book. Teachers are expected to teach and pupils are expected to learn. "Search the Scriptures" is considered a divine imperative, a suitable motto for the modern Sunday-school, as it was the worshiping custom of the ancient Jews. Every Sunday school should endeavor to convert the highest ideals of life into the wisest programs of reform, for the art of teaching regards man as a growing organism. As plans are but ideals taking definite shape. they must be comprehensive enough to incorporate all stages of intelligence and development and all classes of individuals for all need the light of saving truth and the inspiration of pardoning love. The Sunday-school must contemplate the developement of men who serve as well as those who receive. It must seek to win the children, develop the youths, to utilize the adults and to hold all you have and gain all you can.

We hope the day is not far distant when the ideal work of the Sunday-school will be firmly established in all our churches, and that our own denomination will rise to the high destiny awaiting it in the evangelization of the world.

In fulfillment of this hope we pledge ourselves to co-operate with our Sunday-school Board at Nashville and our Sunday-school committee in our State Convention. We recommend that our churches make pledges for Sunday-school missions as for other objects. We advise the these pledges be raised in our Sunday-schools.

We further recommend that our association hold a Sunday-school Convention during next year and as many local rallies as may be arranged by our pastors and superintendents.

W. B. RIVENBARK.

Report of Executive Committee read and submitted by the Moderator and discussed by the Moderator, O. P. Meeks, J. D. Hocutt, C. F. Whitlock, D. L. Gore, G. A. Martin and W. L. Britt. Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Our Association, through our State Board is helping the following churches: Olivet, Castle Hayne, Frenche's Creek, Caswell, Tar Landing, Emmas Chapel, Jacksonville, Salem and Catherin Lake.

G. E. LEFTWICH, Chairman Executive Committee.

Report of commitee on petitionary letters read and submitted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock. Report adopted. Right hand of fellowship extended the delegates from Watha church by the moderator.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PETITIONARY LETTERS.

Your committee on reception of churches, having duly examined the application of the Watha Baptist church recommend that this church be received into our body and that the hand of fellowship be given to their messengers at a convenient time during this session.

C. F. WHITLOCK.

The following letter from the Eastern Association was read by the clerk.

THE EASTERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

To the Wilmington Baptist Association—Greeting.

This is to certify that the Ivanhoe Baptist Church is a member in full fellowship with this Association, and at her request, is hereby granted this letter of dismission to unite with you. When received by you, of which please notify us, her connection with us will cease. May God's blessings abide with you and her.

By order of the Association in session at Warsaw on the 8th day of October, 1908.

C. E. DANIEL, Moderator.

H. L. STEWART, Clerk.

On motion Ivanhoe church was received into this Association.

The following resolution was offered by G. A. Martin. Resolved that we take pledges for an evangelist and as soon as the executive committee has the necessary funds to select the same.

On motion Resolution made a special order for 12 o'clock tomorrow.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. W. L. Britt and adopted.

Whereas:

The handling of the funds for the Convention by the Finance Committee at the sessions of this Association entails so much work upon that Committee that its members are deprived of participation in the deliberation of this body: and

Whereas:

The custom of sending these funds to the sessions of this

Association causes our church Treasurers to retain money in their possession which should go to its proper destination as soon as collected by them, therefore

Be It Resolved:

That it is the sense of this body that all money for the objects of the Convention should be sent direct to those who handle such funds and not be sent the sessions of this body.

Resolved Second:—That it shall be the duty of the Finance Committee of this body to handle only the funds intended to be used in getting out and distributing the minutes: and

Resolved 3d:—

We earnestly request all church Treasurers to comply with the resolutions herein set forth, and we earnestly urge our pastors to aid the church Treasurers in so doing.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. L. BRITT.

The women held meetings at the Presbyterian church at 3 o'clock and were addressed by Rev. W. L. Britt.

Committee on devotional exercises report Rev. C. H, Utley to conduct Devotional Exercise at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning.

On motion adjourned until 7:30 o'clock tonight.

EVENING SESSION

Association met at 7;30 and opened by singing and prayer led by Rev. L. B. Boney.

On motion General Education was taken up and discussed by Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, of Wake Forest College, (Report to be read tomorrow) Prof. C. M. Beach, of Dell School, C. F. Whitlock and G. A. Martin and laid over until tomorrow.

The moderator recognized and welcomed the following visiting brethren—Prof. J. Henry Highsmith, Prof. C. M. Beach and L. B. Boney.

On motion adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 and opened with devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. D. Hocutt.

Minutes of yesterdays session read and corrected.

Committee on Time, place and preacher report as follows:

Your committee on time, place and preacher make the following report.

Time—Tuesday after 2nd Sunday in October, 1909.

Place—Atkinson.

Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. L. Britt.

Alternate—Rev, G. A. Martin,

Missionary Sermon—Dr. Fred D. Hale.

Alternate—O. P. Meeks.

Report adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. G. A. Martin and adopted

RESOLUTION.

Appreciating the importance of secondary education for the obvious reason that the larger part of our boys and girls will never get more than a high school education, and believing that the Dell High school, under the very efficient management of Prof. C. M. Beach, offers the best advantages at the least possible cost.

Resolved;—That we recommend this school to the Baptists of this

Association as an institution, in every way, worthy of their cofindence and patronage.

G. A. MARTIN.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature read and submitted by Rev. O. P. Meeks and discussed by O P. Meeks, W. B. Rivenbark; G. E. Leftwich and D. L. Gore. Report adopted.

PERIODICALS AND LITERATURE.

If a person is known by the company he keeps, as truly also is he shaped by the literature he reads. Baptists surely ought to read worthy Baptist periodicals. In this strenuous age the power of the press is signally manifest in every enterprise. The most potent influence in America, if we except the preached word; is the secular and religious newspaper. As individual Baptists we cannot keep peace unless we avail ourselves of this mighty agency. We are fortunate to have in North Carolina. a Baptist newspaper that in efficiency will challenge comparison with any religious paper in the entire southland —our Biblical Recorder—at its head a born editor, most skillful in use of scissors and quill—loyal to our denominational interests and New Testament truth, combined with a deep toned spirituality.

It ought to go into the home of Every Baptist family in our State. a circulation of at least 35,000 instead of 12 000 now reported. Brethren we are sadly untrue to ourselves and our children ever to withhold such an sgency because of a pittance of $1 50 or $2.00 per year. It is the cheapest investment we could possibly make for such a powerful factor in our religious and denominational life. We can most highly commend also to this end—"Charity and Children," Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field. We find also among the generality of our homes, a great dearth of Baptist books, doctrinal, devotional and missionary. It is too common scarcely to find a single Baptist pamphlet and even any other religious literature in many homes, often not even a clearly printed decent Bible. It is not surprising that so many of our folks are luke warm on missions when they miss the inspiraton of such works as the Story of Yates, Life of Judson, Day-break in the Dark Continent, The Challenge of the City. John Paton in the New Hebrides, books more thrilling than novels as "truth is stronger than fiction." Other works that foster a devotional spirit also demand our perusal. All these publications can be purchased in a cheap form at many book stores.

We should not fail to emphasize the importance of our Sunday-school literature published at Nashville, the equal of any, and its mission work

Some of our local church papers such as "The Visitor" by Rev. C. F. Whitlock are worthy of a place in our local church homes.

O. P. MEEKS.

Report of Finance Committee submitted and read by H. G. Fennel. Report adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHURCHES	Minute fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Ministers Relief	Orphanage	Sunday School Missions	Other Objects	Balance on pledges Undivided
Atkinson	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18.31
Barlow's Chapel	2.00	5.00	.....	.....	2.50	7.50	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bethlehem	1.25	15.00	10.00	12.50	10.00	5.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....
Blackwell's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw	1.50	15.00	5.00	27.50	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canetuck	.....	10.00	.....	.....	7.50	7.50	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Castle Hayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell	.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Catherine Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Frenches Creek	1.00	4.19	.....	1.16	1.57	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harmony	.....	8.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	1.00	10.00	.....	.....	.....
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	.....	.....	.....	10.45	.....	2.00	3.00	.....	.....	.....
Masonboro	1.00	10.00	4.00	15.00	2.00	2.00	5.00	2.00	.....	.....
Moore's Creek	.....	.....	1.00	5.39	2.00	2.00	9.00	.....	.....	.....
Mount Holly	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	3.04	5.50	.....	.....	.....
Olive Branch	.....	4.00	4.00	4.00	.....	.....	6.30	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	.50	5.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Providence	.50	2.50	1.00	1.00	.....	1.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	.80	2.35	5.03	8.89	.....	.....	1.48	.....	5.25	.....
Salem	.50	2.00	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salt marsh	.35	2.00	.....	1.00	.....	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh	.....	4.48	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	2.31	.....	.....	.....
Tar Landing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Teachey's	2.00	31.25	11.25	10.00	5.00	5.00	25.00	.....	.....	.....
Wallace	2.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	20 00	.....	.....	.....
Watha	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....
Well's Chapel	1.50	5.50	9.25	.....	5.00	4.70	.....	.....	.....	.....
Willard	.40	4.00	5.00	5.10	2.51	1.00	5.00	.....	.....	.....
Wilmington, First	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
" Brooklyn	2.00	.....	.....	40.00	10.00	15.00	24.95	.....	.....	.....
" Southside	1.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collected at the Association unaccounted cash	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21.13	.....	.....	2.00
	27.95	141.27	74.53	172.99	55.08	72.74	187.67	2.00	5.25	20.13

Report on Foreign missions read and submitted by Rev. G. A. Martin and discussed by G. A. Martin,. Dr. Fred D. Hale, C. F. Whitlock and S. H. Everett. Report adopted. Pledges taken for Foreign missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In his words, "Go ye into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," the Son is but declaring the eternal purpose of the Father to save all the lost sons of Adam. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life." The one great end toward which all God's efforts have been directed is the redemption of a whole lost world. Beginning with the call of Abraham and following his efforts with the Jews one is liable to come to the conclusion that the Lord designed only the salvation of the sons of Jacob. But this was only a means to an end. The character of Jehovah and his claims on the hearts of men must be established and the people prepared for the coming of the Redeemer.

In Ephesians 3; 1-6 Paul expressly declares that it was the eternal purpose of God that the nations of the earth should be joint-heirs of a joint-body and joint-partakers with the Jews to all of the promises of God in Christ. And this was not stating a new truth but giving a new and broader meaning to the old promise of God to Abraham, "In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." At Antioch Paul turns away from the unbelieving Jews to the anxious Gentiles and declares that God has ordained that he should be for salvation to the ends of the earth. Here the divine scheme of world-wide redemption begins to unfold itself. The preparation is complete. The fact of God is established and his Son on the cross sacrifice for our sins, vindicates God's claim upon the hearts of men. Having purchased the right to remit the penalty of our sins in his vicarious death he arose from the grave in the omnipotence of the Father and said to the blood-washed band of disciples, "All power in heaven and earth is given unto me, go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." He places the bounds of the field at the utmost limits of man's habitation. The command to go is binding as long as one lost son of Adam has not heard that, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son to die to save sinners."

Nineteen hundred years after that command "Go" was given finds us with a force of 222 missionaires assisted by 334 native helpers, trying to preach the gospel to more than 800,000,000 lost souls—nearly a million and a half souls to the missionary. These are doing work for us in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan and Argentina.

It will be seen from the above figures that we have made a small beginning. This is indeed a small beginning when compared to our resources or measured by the urgent needs on the fields. Twenty cents per capita of the members of the Southern Raptist convention last year raised the handsome sum of $400,000 for Foreign Missions. So, fifty cents per member would raise more than $1,000,000. Ought we to be satisfied with less than fifty cents a member for the purpose of preaching the gospel to the lost? This association numbering 3772 members contributed last year $1,598.74 less than forty-three cents per member.

In connection with our mission work on the various fields we have

eight theological schools where the native preachers are gathered and instructed in the doctrines of the Bible. We most heartily commend this feature of the work for the reason that the greater part of evangelizing the heathen will have to be done through natives.

The Foreign Mission Journal, an excellent mission monthly, published by the Board at the small cost of 25 cents will prove a source of information and inspiration to all seekers of light on foreign missions.

Twenty one hundred and seventy-four converts were added to our foreign churches last year by baptism. Let us praise God for these and pray for more this year:

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. MARTIN.

Moderator recognized and welcomed Rev. L. E Wells, of the Presbyterian church.

Special order for Evangelist taken up and discussed by W. B. Rivenbark. J. A. Smith, G. A. Martin, G. E. Leftwich, C. H. Utley, F. D Hale and C. F. Whitlock. Resolution adopted. Pledges taken.

Moderator appointed the following standing committee:

Digest of church letters—H. G. Fennel.
Sunday-school—J. A. Smith.
State Missions—W. B. Rivenbark.
Home Missions—G. A. Martin.
Foreign Missions—Fred D. Hale.
General Education—W. L, Britt.
Orphanage—C. F. Whitlock.
Temperance—C. H. Utley.
Ministerial Relief—J. D. Hocutt.
Ministerial Education—A. C. Chaffin.
Periodicals and Religious Literature—J. T. Bland.
Associational History and Obituaries—O. P. Meeks.

On motion adjourned until 2:15 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2:15 an opened by singing and prayer led by Rev. C. F. Whitlock.

Resolution passed allowing Rev. J. A. Smith 10 minutes to make a statement to the Association conserning the building of the Wallace church, which is a beautiful brick building almost completed.

Report on General Education read and submitted by C. H. Utley. Report adopted.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

Christianity teaches its adherents as no other system of religion does, the high obligations of good citizenship. It is everywhere known and admitted that the highest type of citizenship can not be attained without education. Education is not essential to goodness: but goodness guided by proper culture is essential to the most enlarged usefulness.

We rejoice greatly and should rejoice that the facilities for general education in our state and nation have been so greatly increased, and we hail with pride the prospect of still greater opportunities along this line. The consensus of the thought of the great and good of our country seems to declare that the coming generations of Americans shall have opportunity for being educated?

The public schools, high schools, graded schools, have all come to stay and their number and efficiency will be greatly enlarged. We cannot, we would not stay the swell of this incoming flood tide of enlightenment.

What do these great facts suggest to us as Baptists? To this question each may have his own answer. Two or three things seem clear.

1st. Being so numerous and as a rule so poor, we should co-operate, enconrage and help in every way possible to make our public schools the most efficientp the possibly can be made.

2nd. By the proper and vigilent exercise of watchfulness and the franchise of citizenship we should so far as possible prevent design ing men from abusing the system.

3rd. That we as Baptists owe it to ourselves. to support and maintain our denominational schools. We believe there has always been, that there is now, and always will be a large place in our educatonal system for the denominational school, both secondary and collegiate We rejoice in the continual growth of Wake Forest college, and the almost phenominal developement of our Baptist University for women, and we are glad to know that Delway, located in the adjoining association, our mother,the Eastern,prosper rapidly and we heartily commend to our people the excellent Prof. C. M. Beach, and his assistants. This is logically the home school for our people located so near our border. This Baptist school not only merits our patronage but as well our financial support in this day of struggle to get on a safe financial foundation, Private schools will always be patronized then it would be a decided loss to us as Baptists to turn over our most golden opportunities to others. Whenever a denominational school closes, that denomination sends educational recruits to another, of different faith and order. This mistake we sincerely hope that we as Baptists are two wise to make. With 205,000 white Baptists in North Carolina, with onr vast resources of wealth, with our finely merited reputation for Christian fidelity, to high ideas of education and Christain service, with our simple tenets of denominational doctr ine and New Testament interpretation we should not, we cannot and we will not, surrender to others supremacy over the plastic minds of our youth, from whom are to come our teachers, our preachers, our editors, and leaders of every department in life.

Committee { J. T. BLAND, CHAS H UTLEY

Report on Temperance read and submitted by Dr. Fred D. Hale, and discussed by Dr. Hale. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We have mnch to be thankful for. Since we met in the last session, the Old North State has gone "dry," by more than 40,000 majority. It was a glorious victory, and the Wilmington Baptist Association had much to do in bringing it about.

The hardest fight, however is still before us' and that is executing the prohibition law. It is harder to kill a "blind tiger" than an open legalized saloon. It will be specially hard for us, now that "near beer" is allowed the be sold under a license.

One thing we should be on our guard against, and that is the misrepresentation of the liquor press, as it spreads broadcast false reports as to the effect of prohibition.

Let each of us be a total abstainer from intoxicating liquor, and use all of our individual and combined strength to keep the legalized saloon out, and to suppress the "blind tiger."

There is much to encourage us in the way prohibition is going forward by leaps and bounds in other states, north, south, east and west; and in the steadily growing public sentiment in behalf of a national anti-jug law.

FRED D. HALE.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submittod by Rev. J. D. Hocutt. Discussed by J. D. Hocutt. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITTUARIES.

There is no subject that has claimed the attention of this Association that is more worthy of the time given to its consideration than the report on bituaries. To chronicle the heroic faith and achievements of the saints that have wrought for the glory of God, who have fought the good fight, who have kept the faith, who have finished their course, who have laid down their cross, taken the crown, and have entered upon the bliss of that blissful immortality beyond the grave. It is my painful duty to chronicle the death of several of the heroes of our faith who during the past year have entered upon the rest that remaineth for the people of God" prominent among whom rre the following:

First, Deacon Joseph S. Newton who for thirty or more years served faithfully as a deacon of Mount Holly Baptist church. Second, John C. Carroll senior deacon of the church of Burgaw. Bro. Carroll was a first cousin of the prince among Southern Baptists, B. H. Carroll of Texas. In early life he professed faith in Christ and was baptized by Rev. A. B. Alderman. In young manhood he moved to Columbus Co., and was largely instrumental in establishing and building up Porter Swamp Baptist church. About the year '86 he moved to Burgaw and identified himself with the church at that place, of which church he remained a member until his death which occurred Aug 28, '08.

Bro. Carroll died suddenly, just having closed his evening devotions. His last words on earth was communing with his Lord. Third, Bro. W. A. French, Senior member of the firm of Geo. R. French & Sons of Wilmington, N. C. from early life had been a member of the First Baptist church of Wilmington and at the time of his death was senior deacon and trustee of said church.

A sketch of R. H. Hewlett, should have appeared in the minutes of 1907, but through mistake was omitted, he was born in New Hanover county on Masonboro sound about the year 1873. After attending the public schools of the neighborhood, he entered Wake Forest college, in the fall of 1893, where he remained for a year and a half doing very excellent work, and commending himself to the student body as a Christian gentleman of high and excellent type. Leaving the institution at Christmas in 1894, he married Miss Rosa Montford, of Masonboro, a most excellent lady Feeling that he was not as well prepared for his lifework, as a Christian minister as he should be, he went to Crozer Theological Seminary for a year or so.

On his return home he was called to be pastor of churches in Pender county. This pastorate consisting of the churches of Bethlehem, Canetuck, Moore's Creek and Point Caswell, he served faithfully until the spring of 1904, when tuberculosis so impaired his health that it was

necessary for him to give up his pastorate. Hoping to recover health Bro. Hewlett sold his home and moved to Asheville, N C where he remained until the spring of 1907. Returning home on a visit he became suddenly worse, the family moved to Wilmington, where he could be near the physician, where he lingered for several weeks, receiving every attention that could be given, but the dread disease claimed its victim and he died in the early spring.

The body was laid to rest in the church cemetery of Masonboro Baptist church, near the scenes and play ground of his childhood. The funeral was conducted by Rev. J A Smith, G. A. Martin and Chas. H. Utley.

Few men are loved as well by the people they serve as was Bob Hewlett, as he was familiarly known among his friends and admirers. While sick the churches he had served continued to remember him in a material and substantial way. In the homes of the people he had ever been a welcome, and delightful guest, loved alike by old and young.

To his wife and children he was devoted with commendable fondness. And seemed hurt most at the thought of death when he recalled the separation from those whom he loved so well.

Had he given his attention to money making he could have accumulated wealth for he had talent for business of an unusual order.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. HOCUTT.

Report on Ministerial Relief read and submitted by W. B. Rivenbark. Discussed by W. B. Rivenbark, D. L. Gore, and G. A. Martin. Pledges taken. Report adopted.

REPORT OF MINISTER'S RELIEF.

The Ministerial Relief board was organized by order of the Baptist State Convention, May 3, 1890. It is located in Durham. The object of the Board is to assist theso Baptist preachers in North Carolina who have spent their lives in the ministry and have come to old age without means of support and not able to work. If these men had invested the money which they gave to help build up the Lord's cause in North Carolina in some paying enterprise they would have been worth more today than some of us who are able to give to them. There are twenty-four Associations represented on the Ministerial Relief Board, Thirty-four beneficiaries were helped by the Board last year. What could have been the condition of the Lord's cause in the state today? They felt the need, saw the opportunity and realized the responsibility and gave themselves with what they had, and the Lord is today blessing us as the result of their labors and sacrifices.

Only small amounts are given to each beneficiary. just enough to supply actual necessity. The Board has never asked for large contributions but has endeavored to get every church to give something to this object, Our denomination would be doing a great work to build and endow a home for such of these saints of God as have no place to lay their heads.

Last year the Board had received by the fifteenth of Sept. about $1800,00. This year at the same date about $1000.00 has been received, If more money is not received, the Board will be compelled to cut down the appropriations which will probably mean suffering to some. At present there are 31 persons being helped by the board. To give each one the small sum of a hundred dollars each would mean nearly

double the amount received by the Board last year.

These brethren are too timid to ask for what they actually need.

Only five received over one hundred dollars each last year. The next highest was $90.00 and the smallest smouut was $5.00.

We recommend an increase of contributions by the churches for the coming year.

W. B. RIVENBARK.

On motion Bros. C. H. Utley, G. A. Martin and W. B. Rivenbark were appointed delegates from the association to the Baptist State Convention at Wilson, N. C.

On motion Rev. C. F. Whitlock was appointed delegate from this association to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion Dr. Fred D. Hale was appointed a member of the State Board of missions.

Report on Woman's Work read and submitted by J. B. Newton. Report adopted.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK.

We rejoice and praise God for the great work that our sisters are doing in many parts of our state. Under the wise leadership of Miss Fannie Heck and our associational vice president many missionary societies have been organized. Sunbeams under Miss Elizabeth Briggs for our young people have done much toward uniting them in work for our Master's cause. We commend these good women in their noble undertakings to bring in the Kingdom. We recommend that our associational vice-president endeavor to form one or more of these organizations in every church in our association wherever practicable. Also that the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field be placed in every home where it is possible.

Restpecfully submitted,

J. B. NEWTON.

Report of committee to nominate Executive committee make the following report which is adopted.

Your committee to nominate Exeeutive committee beg to report the following as committee: G. E. Leftwich, G. A. Martin, D, J. Corbett, Sr., W. H. Lewis, R. P. Hinton and D: L. Core.

W. B. Rivenbark
R. S. Atkinson } Committee.
W. C. Peterson

Report of committee on digest of church letters submitted by H. G. Fennell. Report adopted.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by C. H. Utley and adopted.

"Resolved that the thanks of the Association are due and hereby heartily tendered the people of Wallace for their unbounded hospitality and to the Presbyterians for their church for the meeting of the women."

On motion adjourned to meet at Atkinson Tuesday after second Sunday in October 1909.

C. E. MCCULLEN, Clerk. GEO. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Charge Treasurer as follows:

To amount received from Finance committee of Wilmington Ass'n.—

For State Missions	$141.27
" Home Missions	72.53
" Foreign Missions	198.99
" Sunday-school Missions	2.00
" Orphanage	142.54
" Ministerial Education	55.08
" For Ministerial Relief	72.74
" Amount not designated	23 56
" Minutes	27.95
Total receipts	$736.66

DISBURSEMENTS.

Credit Taeasurer as follows: Cr.

By amount sent to Walters Durham, treasurer State Baptist Convention	$542.61.
By amount sent to Orphanage	142.54
By amount sent to clerk—Minute fund	27.95
By amount not designated	23.56
Total	$736.66

Respectfully submitted

L. R. HIGHSMITH.

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministers Relief	Sunday School Missions	Evangelistic Missions
Atkinson	10.	5.	7.50	7.	2.	2 50	5,	.....
Barlow's Chapel	25.	10.	20.	20.	5.	7 50	2.	.....
Bethlehem	7.50	5.	6.25	7 50	.....	2 50	1.	5.
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Blackwell's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw	20.	5,	60.	15.	5.	5.	1.	5.
Canetuck	10.	5.	5.	10.	.....	3 75	1.	5.
Caswell	2.50	2.50	2.50	2 50	2.	1 50	1.	.....
Catherine Lake	5.	4.	.....	4.	.....	1	.....	.....
Castle Hayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel	12.50	7,50	7.50	12.	2.	2	3.	.....
Frenches Creek	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	2	1.	.....
Harmony	10.	5.	10.	10.	5.	5.	2.	5.
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Long Creek	10.	7.	10.50	5.	.....	5.	1.	.....
Jacksonville	15.	5.	5.	12.	2.	5.	3 50	.....
Masonboro	12.50	6.25	18.75	12 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	.....
Moore's Creek	15.	5.	10.	10.	.....	2.	1 50	.....
Mount Holly	8.	2.50	6.	15.	.....	3	2.	5.
Olive Branch	5.	.....	5.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivet	5,	2.50	5.	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek	12.	7.	5.	10.	3.	3.	1.	5.
Salt marsh	.....	.50	1.	.....	.....	1-	.50	.....
Shiloh	5.	1.	25.	10.	.....	1.	1.	.....
Salem	.....	.....	2.	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....
Tar Landing	1.	1.	.....	2.	.....	2.	1	.....
Teachey's	30.	10.	10.	30.	5.	5.	2.	5.
Wallace	10.	10.	10.	25.	5.	5.	3.	5-
Well's Chapel	15.	10.	50.	20.	5.	10.	.....	15.
Willard	5.	7.	10.	10.	.....	2 5-	1.	5.
Wilmington, First	500.	400.	500.	200.	50.	25.	25.	50.
" Brooklyn	50.	40.	50.	150.	10.	25.	5.	.....
" Southside	50.	20.	50.	50.	10.	10.	5.	.....
Watha	3.	3.	4.	5.	.....	1.	.....	2-
Ivanhoe	2.	1.	5.	10	.....	1.30	.....	.....

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Ministers Relief	Minuute fund	Other Objects	TOTAL
Atkinson	100.	.....	23.	36.	10.	10.	5.	5	2 28	7.	----	2 00	2 00	1.	1.	204.28
Barlow's Chapel	150.	.....	14.	11.	.....	25.	10.	15	.....	15	----	2 50	7 50	2	13.	265
Bear Branch	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	----	----
Bethlehem	150.	.....	.....	6.	.....	15.	10.	12 50	.....	15	----	10	5 00	1.25	2.55	227.30
Blackwell's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	----	----
Burgaw	81.56	350.	10.	36.28	6.17	15.	5.	27 50	.....	10	----	----	5 00	1.50	56 69	604.70
Canetuck	125.	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.	10.	10 00	.....	20	----	7 50	7 50	----	----	200.
Castle Hayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	----	----
Caswell	100.	15.	1.	4.60	.....	7.84	3.00	1 94	.....	2 09	----	----	----	50	----	135.97
Catherine Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	.....	----
Emma's Chapel	200.	.....	77,29	9.00	.....	13.71	7.00	13 59	.....	7 81	----	----	2 00	1	22.	353.75
Frenches Creek	125.	157.	5,	30.00	26.50	5.00	3.00	3	.....	4.	----	2 00	2 00	1	134.25	497.75
Harmony	75.	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.	5.00	I0	.....	10	----	2 00	1 00	----	30.75	143.75
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	----	----
Jacksonville	250.	.....	17.38	44.77	.....	15.	5.00	5 00	.....	10	----	2 00	5	1	----	355.15
Long Creek	112.50	.....	.....	....	.....	4.12	4.68	10 45	.....	3	----	----	2	----	----	136.75
Masonboro	112.50	.....	20.	35.	.....	10.	5.00	30 00	2 00	10	----	2 00	2	1	30.	259.50
Moore's Creek	100.	.....	5.50	4.	.....	10.61	1.00	5 39	.....	12	----	2 00	2	----	1.35	143.84
Mount Holly	125.	.....	.....	8.62	.....	9.23	5.00	10	.....	10	----	----	3 04	----	19.75	90.64
Olive Branch	75.	.....	.....	.....	.....	4.00	4.00	4	.....	6 30	----	----	----	----	----	93.30
Olivet	30.	5.	.....	2 40	.....	5.00	.....	2.	.....	5 00	----	----	----	50	----	49.90
Providence	50.	.....	.....	....	.....	2.50	1.	1	.....	2 00	----	----	1.	50	7.50	65.50
Riley's Creek	175.	15.	3.	5.	.....	12.55	5,03	8 89	.....	7 03	----	1 48	----	80	5.25	238.83
Salem	75.	.....	1.08	4.32	.....	5.	2.00	.....	.....	8 50	----	----	3 00	50	----	99.40

Salt marsh.....	50.	.....	.....	2.25	.....	2.00	1	1	.....	1	----	----	1	35	-----	58.60
Shiloh.....	75.	.....	.....	7.40	.....	6.65	1	31 69	.....	7 31	----	14 51	1	----	8.	152.56
Tar Landing.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	----	----	----	----	-----	-------
Teachey's	200.	.....	.....	0.	.....	31.25	11 25	10	.....	30	----	5 00	5	2	45.	345.50
Wallace.....	161.40	500.	5.00	12.43	5.	10.	10 00	10	.....	20	----	5 00	5	2	110.	855.83
Watha.....	60.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.	1	1	.....	1	----	----	----	1	13.90	78.90
Well's Chapel.....	175.	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.	15	60 98	.....	21 45	----	5 00	10	1 50	33.77	332.70
Willard.....	100.	100.	41.36	.....	.....	5.98	5.	5 10	.....	11	----	2 51	1.	40	-----	294.70
Wilmington, First	2400.	3214.40	2332.97	457.03	161.84	559.32	347 70	816 98	15 00	199 14	290	----	5	5	20.30	10819.50
" Brooklyn	1200.	875.61	246.42	60.	27.05	40.00	25 00	40 00	.....	75	----	10 00	15	2	-----	2616.08
" Southside	727.50	75.64	147.99	63.83	28.58	45.00	20 00	30 00	28 10	41 35	----	----	9 08	1 15	87.4	1355.22
TOTAL.....	7360.46	5330.00	2950.99	845,93	265.14	910.56	527 66	1182 01	47 38	571 98	$290	75 50	97 12	27 95	641.96	21124.64

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Baptisms from Schools	Average Attendance	Months Open	Papers and Quarterlies Taken	Volumns in Library	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Officers and Scholars
Atkinson	G. W. Smith	Atkinson, N C	7	63	12	138	..	1	6	63	69
Barlow's Chapel	Z. R. Thompson	Sloop Point,NC	...	35	12	50	..	1	5	60	65
Bear Branch	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	..	.	..	...	...
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith	Currie, N C	5	25	12	65	25	1	6	68	74
Blackwells	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	..	.	..	...	...
Burgaw	C. E McCullen	Burgaw, N. C	10	50	12	400	..	1	7	75	82
Caretuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Currie, N C	...	36	12	35	30	1	5	53	58
Castle Hayne	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	..	.	..	....	.....
Caswell	W M. Malpass	Currie, N C	1	33	12	49	...	1	3	51	54
Catherine Lake	.....	.....	...	.....	...	....	..	.	..	...	.....
Emma's Chapel	W E Taylor	Richlands, N C	...	40	12	50	..	1	8	58	66
French's Creek	L H Valeurs	Kelley, N C	12	52	12	100	..	1	9	84	93
Harmony	J T Marshburn	Ivanhoe, N C	6	50	12	50	..	1	8	129	137
Haw Bluff	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	..	.	..	...	.....
Jacksonville	M B Humphrey	Jacksonville	...	29	12	120	..	1	6	38	44
Long Creek	A D Malpas	Burgaw, N C	3	15	12	20	..	1	7	23	30
Masonboro	J P Herring	Wilmington,	...	40	12	75	..	1	5	70	75
Moore's Creek	D M Melvin	Currie, N C	1	15	...	30	..	1	6	25	31
Mount Holly	A Carroll	Watha, N C	23	80	12	69	..	2	15	113	128
Olive Branch	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	..	.	.	...	....
Olivet	J N Lanier	Rocky Point	...	20	12	29	52	1	9	26	35
Providence	John Walker	Holly Ridge	..	15	12	...	..	1	4	25	29
Riley's Creek	W W Larkins	Rocky Point	...	25	12	45	..	1	6	40	46
Salem	W S Eaton	Sneed's Ferry,	...	25	9	72	..	1	6	40	46

Salt Marsh	R M Lewis	Nat Moore N C		3?	12	36	1	5	61	66
Shiloh	W A Kenan	Ivanhoe		20	12	50	1	4	46	50
Tar Landing										
Teacheys	A F Bland	Teacheys	8	50	12	160	1	7	65	72
Wallace	J H Jeffries	Willard		54	3	183	1	10	150	160
Watha					1					
Wells Chapel	L R Highsmith	Kerr			12	100	1	7	63	70
Willard	R F Rivenbark	Willard	8	37	12	100	1	6	50	56
Wilmington, First	G E Leftwich	Wilmington	36	285	12		1	26	425	451
" Brooklyn	C C Rice	Wilmington	20	156	12		1	15	225	240
" Southside	A L Vann	Wilmington	4	109	12	140	1	12	200	212

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Sunday of Meeting.
Atkinson	C H Utley	Burgaw,	C A Barnhill	Atkinson, N C	
Barlow's Chapel	J A Smith	Wilmington	R S Atkinson	Sloop Point, NC	1st.
Bear Branch					
Bethlehem	C H Utley	Burgaw	W C Keith	Currie, N C	1st.
Blackwell's					
Burgaw	C H Utley	Burgaw	C E McCullen	Burgaw, N. C	3rd.
Canetuck	C H Utley	Burgaw	D J Corbett, Sr.	Currie, N C	2nd.
Castle Hayne					
Caswell	O P Meeks	Fayetteville	S K Vollers	Pt. Caswell	4th
Catherine Lake	J W Smith	Catherine Lake			
Emma's Chapel	W L Britt	Richlands	W E Taylor	Richlands, N C	2nd and 4th.
Frenches Creek	J B Newton	Kerr	L M Porter	Kelley, N C	2nd.
Harmony	W B Rivenbark	Teachey	L P Rooks	Ivanhoe, N C	1st.
Haw Bluff	O P Meeks	Fayetteville			
Ivanhoe	R C Sandling	Clinton			
Jacksonville	W L Britt	Richlands	R P Hinton	Jacksonville	1st and 3rd.
Long Creek	A CChaffin	Councils	O D Malpas	Burgaw, N C	4th.
Masonboro	A C Chaffin	Councils	A Hewlett	Wilmington,	1st.
Moore's Creek	J D Hocutt	Ashton	G H Highsmith	Currie, N C	2nd.
Mount Holly	W B Rivenbark	Teachey	Isaiah Carroll	Watha, N C	1st.
Olive Branch	J D Hocutt	Ashton	Alma Hewlett	Wilmington	4th.
Olivet	J D Hocutt	Ashton	J W Webb	Rocky Point	1st.
Providence	J W Smith	Cathrine Lake	R H Bethea	Holly Ridge	2nd.
Riley's Creek	W B Rivenbark	Teachey	J D Mohn	Rocky Point	3rd.
Salem	J W Smith	Cathrine Lake	J E Robinson	Sneed's Ferry	3rd.
Salt Marsh	J H Dobson	Atkinson	M P Peterson	Nat Moore	4th.
Shiloh	J D Hocutt	Ashton	H A Bland	Currie	3rd.
Tar Landing	W L Britt	Richlands			
Teachey's	W B Rivenbark	Teachey	B P Teachey	Wallace	2nd.

Wallace	J A Smith	Wilmington	A R Sloan	Wallace	4th.
Watha	W B Rivenbark.	Teachey	R M Moore	Watha	3rd.
Well's Chapel	A C Chaffin	Councils	L R Highsmith	Willard	2nd
Willard	A C Chaffin	Councils	W F Bordeau	Willard	3rd.
Wilmington, First	Fred D. Hale	Wilmington	Jas. W Collins	Wilmington	Each.
" Brooklyn	C F Whitlock	Wilmington	C S Britt	Wilmington	Each.
" Southside	G A Martin.	Wilmington	J F Littleton	Wilmington	Each.

SOCIETY STATISTICS

CHURCHES	NAMES OF SOCIETIES.	PRESIDENTS.	Post Office.	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Incidentals	Ministers Relief	Other Objects	B'ld'g & Rep.	training school
Emma's Chapel	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. L. Britt	Richlands	11	3.26		1.40						
Emma's Chapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. L. Britt	Richlands	30	1.35		1.89						
Harmony	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Lou Malpass	Watha	28	2.								
Jacksonville	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R P. Hinton	Jacksonville	9	6.12	.50	4.20						
Masonboro	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. P. Herring	Wilmington	20			15.						
Masonboro	Sunbeams	Amanda McGower	Wilmington	15									
Mt. Holly	Woman's Missionary Society	Sallie Carroll	Watha	15				4.50					
Teachy	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Lou McMillan	Teachey	19	1.25	1.25							
Wilmington, First	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. P. Oldham	Wilmington	86	57.92	42.42	134.86		147.00				
" "	Young Women's Auxiliary	Miss Irene Peterson	Wilmington.	30	16.40	25.15	26.				34 25		
" "	Junior Y. W, Auxiliary				1.00	.55							10
" "	United Workers								108.69			549.05	
" "	Sunbeams	Miss Eliza Collins	Wilmington.	25	2 00	3.43	3.02				12.66		
" Brooklyn	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. B. C, Moore	Wilmington.	15	3.00			2.50			2.		
" "	B. Y. P. U.	John McDougall	Wilmington.	55	1.25						5.		
" Southside	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. G. A. Martin	Wilmington.	20	8.70	11.63	11.						
" Southside	Willing Workers	Fannie Holton	Wilmington.	20	5.00	3.63	5.	25.70		4.			
" Southside	Sunbeams	Bevie Fales	Wilmington.	15	1.00	2.	2.		5.75				

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Constituted.	Value of Church Property.	MEMBERSHIP									
			Increase			Decr'se						
			Baptisms.	Letters.	Restoration	Letter	Experience	Death	Present Membership	Males	Females	Reported last year
Atkinson	1904	1,400	8	3	..	2	1	1	111	48	63	101
Barlow's Chapel	1870	1,000	...	1	.	2		1	122	56	66	125
Bear Branch	.....	.....	..	...	..							
Bethlehem	.....	1,000	9	1	2	1		3	144	61	83	136
Blackwell's	.....	.....	...	...	..							
Burgaw	1882	3,500	10	4	..	4	1	1	120	45	75	112
Canetuck	.....	400	...	..	..	3		1	131	57	74	137
Castle Hayne	.....	1,200	...	..	..							27
Caswell	.....	800	1	..	..	8	1		54	19	35	59
Catherine Lake	.....	600	...	...	..							22
Emma's Chapel	1880	700	...	1	..				76	30	46	76
Frenches Creek	.....	2,000	12	4	1			1	87	39	48	70
Harmony	.....	600	6	2	..	4		1	89	33	56	83
Haw Bluff	1859	450	...	...	..							99
Ivanhoe	.....	.....	...	...	..							
Jacksonville	.....	2,000	...	...	..	2			50	20	30	52
Long Creek	1871	500	3	1	1	3		2	118	49	69	121
Masonboro	.....	1,000	..	2	...	2	8	1	112	40	72	114
Moore's Creek	.....	500	2	3	..	1		1	102	44	55	106
Mount Holly	.....	600	29	1	2	28		2	125	43	80	123
Olive Branch	1880	400	...	3	1	2			77	35	42	70
Olivet	.....	1,000	...	..	...				37	15	22	42
Providence	.....	600	...	..	..				26	7	19	24
Riley's Creek	.....	800	...	1	1	3		1	138	55	83	142
Salem	1877	200	...	2	..	1		5	49	20	29	54
Salt Marsh	.....	300	...	..	..	9	4		53	16	37	54
Shiloh	1853	1,000	6	2	2	8	1	3	150	66	84	145
Tar Landing	.....	.....	...	..	...							20
Teachey's	.....	2,500	8	2	...	4	2	2	160	77	83	154
Wallace	1905	6,500	15	16	..	4		1	177	83	94	151
Watha	1908	500	3	2	..				29	12	17	
Well's Chapel	1751	.....	23	..	...	2	1	2	251	116	135	217
Willard	.....	800	10	4	..	1	1	1	119	47	72	107
Wilmington, First	1828	50,000	75	58	12	72	78	11	788	317	471	804
" Brooklyn	.....	8,000	33	43	..	18		3	320			285
" Southside	.....	4,000	7	27	2	10	4	2	241	82	159	223
TOTAL		95,850	260	183	24	194	32	46	4056	1532	2199	4062

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1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	No Sermon
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J L. Vipperman
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley
1905	Teachey's	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McCaughan
1906	Wilmington, Brooklyn Ch.	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale
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CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings; faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tatling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's word.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I—This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be eligible to office for more than four years.

ART. 6—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9—The Association shall apoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association which report with that on State Missions, shall be the first business of the second day of the session. Further, that our missionairies shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

ART. 10—The committee on permanent work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of this Association.

ART. 11—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 12—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethen to seats and extend to them the privilege of the body except that of voting.

ART. 13—The annual session of this Association shall com-

mence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14—By appointment of the Association, there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART 15—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the moderator of the preceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3 At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and proceedings of the preceeding daily session read.

4 The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5 Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6 No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7 All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8 No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9 When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10 After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11 All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by majority of votes

12 The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13 The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1 Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.
2 Election of Officers.
3 Calling for petitionary Letters.
4 Appointment of Committees.
5 Appointment of Corresponding delegates.
6 Reports of Standing Committees.
7 Reports of other Committees.
8 Report of Treasurer.
9 Miscellaneous Business.
10 Incidental and routine motions shall be in order at any time.
11 Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

ATKINSON, N. C., October 12, 1909.

The Wilmington Association met this day in its Ninth Annual Session at 11 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by the Moderator, G. E. Leftwich, prayer was offered by Rev. B. Craig of Mt. Olive and the Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Britt from the text, "Ye Must be Born Again." The roll of churches was called and delegates enrolled as follows:

Atkinson; W. H. Lewis, G. W. Smith, C. A. Barnhill.
Barlow's Chapel: J. Justice.
Bethlehem: A. L. Pridgen, W. C. Croom, A. W. Croom
Bear Branch: F. J. Moore, Henry Malpass, Henry White
Burgaw; C. E McCullen. J. A. Blanchard, J. W. Brown
Canetuck: D. J. Corbett Sr., G. O. Marshall
Caswell: A. B. Rooks, L. Glisson
Catherine Lake: John Marschburn
Castle Hayne: Sam Blossom
Emma's Chapel: W. L. Britt
Frenche's Creek: L. F. Pridgen, E. G. Pridgen
Harmony: D. J. Eakins, T. J. Savage
Haw Bluff: W. H. Barnhill, J. M. Brown
Long Creek: W. H. Turner, J. S. DeVaun
Jacksonville: W. L. Britt
Masonboro:
Moore's Creek: N. R. Croom, J. H. Highsmith, D. Melvine
Mount Holly: I. W. Brown
Olive Branch: J. F. Baggett, A, L. Vann
Olivet: A. H. Davis
Providence:
Riley's Creek: By letter
Salt Marsh; J. H. Squires
Shiloh, A. T. Herring, Teachey Moore.
Salem,
Tar Landing, W. L. Britt
Teacheys, F Savage, O. F. Teachey
Wallace, J. W. Sheffield, M. B. Pope
Well's Chapel, D. F. Caldwell, L. K. Taylor, J. W. Parker
Willard, E. F. English, W. F. Bowen, Joel Jones
Watha, A. W. Garris, B. Moore, Miss Lizzie Garris
Wilmington, First church, H. L. Deans, H. L. Fennel, W. C. Peterson.
Wilmington, Brooklyn, D. L. Gore, W. L. Moore, L. Larkin
Wilmington, Southside, J. W. Russ, G. A. Martin
Ivanhoe, J. B. Rooks, C. R. Corbett, Isam Cain
Wrightsboro, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. T. B. Oldham

After which the Association was reorganized by the election of the following officers: Moderator, Rev. G. A. Martin; Vice Moderator, G. E. Leftwich; Clerk, C. E. McCullen; Treasurer, W. H. Lewis.

The Moderator appointed the following committee: Finance W. C. Keith, W. L. Moore and A. T. Herring. Devotional Exercises Pastor and deacons of this church.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the following visiting brethen: E. L. Middleton of the Sunday-school Board, Rev. B. Craig of the State Mission Board, Rev. O. L. Betts of the Biblical Recorder, and Rev. O. L. Stringfield of North Carolina.

The Moderator appointed Revs. C. F. Whitlock, W. B. Rivenbark and W. L. Britt committee on Petitionary Letters. Adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. and take up State Missions and Sunday-schools. Prayer by Rev. O. P. Meeks.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened at 2 o'clock with song and prayer led by Rev. J. C. Mizell. Moderator appointed the following Committees, To nominate Executive Committee, C. F. Whitlock, J. H. Highsmith and W. P. Croom, Place and preacher G. E. Leftwich, O. P. Meeks, J. S. DeVaun. Committee on Petitionary Letters report through C. F. Whitlock and recommend that Wrightsboro church be admitted into the Association which on motion is done and delegates enrolled.

Report on State Missions read and submitted by W. B. Rivenbark and discussed by Rev. B. Craig. Pledges taken and collection taken amounting to $7.17 which was turned over to Rev. B. Craig. Report adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

In the work of the State Mission Board lies the basal hope of the civic and religious life of North Carolina. It touches with vitalizing and productive effect all the interests of our people and every cause of God, from the casting of clean ballots at home to the moral conquests of foreign lands, It is the very clay of the kingdom. If it be enriched and cultivated, all good causes will florish. A Christian people who neglect their own weak fields are not fit to be trusted with a foreign mission. By our fruits at home we are judged abroad. It is unwise and umbiblical to lengthen our cords unless we first strengthen our stakes at home. The State Mission work is our center of gravity. In missions, as in war, a strong home is all important.

The work of state missions is only begun when we think of the 1,146,831 unconverted people in North Carolina, 600,000 of of which are adults. Of the 312,879 Baptists in the State 12,849 were received by baptism last year, or one baptism to every sixteen Baptists. During the last ten years we have baptized 95,009 souls. We contributed to State Missions last year, per member 18 1-4 cents. Within our own association we contributed last-year 22cents per member to State Missions. During the last ten years our state missionaries baptized13,844 an average 1,384; completed on mission fields 169 houses of worship, an average of nearly 17 a year, and have collected for the objects of the convention$52,756.48. The amount colected does not include

money spent for church building, incidental expenses, pastors' saleries or any special object, such as endowment of Wake Forest or money raised to build and equip associational schools.

There are 148 missionaries this year. The missionaries employed by the Board last year baptized 2,047 souls. The amount to be raised for state missions this year is $40,000.

Let us take and develop the destitute sections of our State, and from them as His base of operations, God will send out His life and His truth. W. B. Rivenbark.

Report on Sunday-schools was read by Rev. J. A. Smith and discussed by J. A. Smith, E. L. Middleton and D. L. Gore. Pledges taken and report adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

During the year 1859 The American Baptist Publication Society of Philadelphia published a valuable book of over three hundred pages entitled, Robert Raikes, his Sunday-schools and his Friends,including sketches of the Sunday school cause in Europe and America. This excellent book closes with a grand paragraph which reads as follows; "Remember there is no school of sound morals open for the people but the sunday schools. Establish christian principles in the souls of our American youth and you build our republic upon a rock so that whatever storm may blow or flood come it will not fall until the final catastrophe, the earth itself is dissolve,and the kingdom of the New Jeresalem made perfect in which all of its citizens shall be made princes, the younger brethren of him who sits on the right hand of the throne of the children of God himself. Neglect this duty and there are sins percolating through the basis of our institutions which shall turn it,however firm it now appears, into a quicksand when down must go the Republic with the hope of the world and bury with it in deep and eternal ruin the souls of the people. As you love your country the safety of your childrens freedom, the salvation of sinners and the honor of Him who alone can make us free, cherish the Sunday-school, pray for it, give to and act in aid of it, nor think you have done this when you have opened schools for the children of the local christian congregation. Go forth, then and gather the poor, the morrally destitute, for whom the Sunday-school like the gospel was mainly intended, cease not until every child throughout our wide territory, from ocean to ocean, from the snow capped mountains to the torrid plains are invited to share together with your children the teachings of Jesus Christ,the sanctification of the Holy Spirit and the hope of a blissful immortality." This splendid paragraph taken from the pen of an able writer is presented in the beginning of this report to bring vividly before our hearts and minds the real scope and design of Sunday-schools. The writer does not feel like burdening this report with historical facts or statistical information, for this would require volumns, but rather to insert something calculated to move the rank and file of our people to immediate action. The real design of the Sunday-school is to implant early in life in the human heart Christian principles. Those eternal and indestructible principles for which Jesus Christ suffered and died on

a malefactor's cross. It is first of all to rescue the youth of our end from the hands of the destroyer, separate them from the evil influences of the world and make them strong and vigcrous christian men and women. If this proposition be true it seems to be well nigh impossible for a genuine Christian man and woman to be found within the gates of Gods earthly Zion who is not willing even at a great personal sacrifice to join in the grand monement of implanting the principles of Bible Christianity in the minds and hearts of the people. One of the grandest conceptions of the Sunday school is the fact that it is the school of Christ and those who are not willing to teach and be constantly intructed in the school ot Christ are in great danger of losing the rich rewards of the finally faithful. One of the saddest reflections of all time, ministers of the gospel and Christian workers is the fact that with a few exceptions the rank and file of our churches do not participate in the Sunday-school work which is most emphatically the work of the church. In some of our largest churches both in town and the rural districts it is the same faithful few who in summers heat and winters cold bear the heat and burden of the day. Many who have been planted in the likeness of Christ's death and raised in the likeness of his resurrection never see a quarterly or attend a Sunday-school. They do not even encourage their own children to attend and participate in this grand work. This is a sad commentary upon the life and character of those who profess to be contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. And what kind of a Christian man or woman is that who does not feel the force of that beautiful poetic sentiment, "christ's little flock within shall feed. The lambs we in our arms shall bear. Reclaim the lost, the feeble lead, And watch o'er all in faith and prayer." If all the representative pastors and Christian workers were here today to give you a correct history of the evangelistic services held in their churches and results they would tell that a large percent of the additions made to the church year after year comes from Sunday-school work. This fact suggests the thought that we need a genuine revival of Sunday-school work. The grand basis of all time evangelism is the solid work of the Sunday-school.

Brethren, something must be done and done quickly to give impetus to the Sunday-school work in our Association.

We need a good colporter and evangelist to go over our jurisdiction to distribute good sound literature, hunt up all the destitute points, preach at such places and organize Sunday-schools.

Such work has been done successfully in other sections and it can be done in ours.

The Committee appointed last year arranged for and held one Sunday-school Convention in April with the church at Watha. It was decided to hold one such Convention each year.

JAMES A. SMITH.

The Moderator introduced to the Association and extended the right hand of fellowship to the new pastors who have come into the Association—Dr. J. H. Foster, Rev. J. C. Mizell and Rev. J. H. Beck after which the congregation sang "Blessed be the Tie that Binds" and the pastors, delegates and congregation ex-

tended the right hand of fellowship to the new pastors. Frenches Creek reports its name changed to Centerville. On motion Rev. W. B. Rivenbark was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention which meets in Baltimore, and L K. Taylor, D. J. Corbett Sr., and C. E McCullen were appointed delegates to the State convention which meets in Wadesboro. On motion the Moderator, Rev. G. A. Martin, was added to the State Mission Board. On motion adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7:30 p. m. and Rev. O. P. Meeks preachod the Missionary Sermon. The following order of business was adopted for Wednesday. 9:30 devotional services; 10 to 10:30 Report of Executive Committee; 10:30 to 11 Periodicals and Religious Literature 11 to 12 Orphanage; 2 to 3 Foreign Missions; 3 to 4 Ministerial Relief. Evening session, Home Missions. On motion adjourned to meet at 9:30 tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Devotional services conducted by Rev. O L. Stringfield. Minutes of yesterdays session read and approved. G. E. Leftwich read and submitted report of Executive Committee, discussed by G. E. Leftwich, G. A. Martin, C. F. Whitlock, W. L. Britt, J. T. Bland, W. B. Rivenbark and C. E. McCullen. Report adopted with the following amendment: "That a committee on pastoral fields be appointed by the Association whose duty it shall be to visit the proposed fields with reference to locating pastors thereon." Moderator appointed the following as pastoral committee: Rev. W. L. Britt, Rev. C. F. Whitlock and G. O. Marshall.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee begs to submit the following report and recommendations. The following churches have been helped by the Board this year. The Onslow Field—Jacksonville, Emma's Chapel, Tar Landing and Cathrine Lake—helped to the amount of $250.00; Caswell $50.00, Bear Branch $25.00, Olivet $35.00, Olive Branch $50.00, Salt Marsh $25.00, Wallace $115, Frenche's Creek $75.00. Total $625.

RESULTS BY BAPTISM.

The results to the churches by baptism from these fields are as follows: Jacksonville 5, Emma's Chapel 0, Tar Landing 0, Cathrine Lake 0, Bear Branch 9, Olive Branch 0, Olivet 2, Caswell 6, Salt Marsh 6, Wallace 4, Frenches Creek 0. Total 26.

CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS.

Salem, Providence, Castle Hayne all the year, with Blackwell's Chapel defunct. Barlow's Chapel, Bethlehem, Burgaw, Canetuck Ivanhoe and Masonboro have been without a pastor for a part of the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF YOUR COMMITTEE.

Believing that the present state of affairs is unsatisfactory to you, brethren, and that you, with us, see the need of a better method of supplying these churches and occupying the destitute places, we recommend that the following churches be urged to federate and form fields with a view of locating a pastor. 1. Jacksonville, Salem, Providence, Barlow's Chapel with Tar Landing supplied from Jacksonville. 2. Masonboro, Olive Branch, Riceboro, Castle Hayne with other stations for afternoon service. 3. Ivanhoe, Bethlehem, Canetuck, Caswell and Bear Branch. 4. Burgaw and Wallace.

When these fields shall have been formed and their financial strength ascertained your Executive Committee will recommend that the State Board give sufficient supplemental aid to enable them to get and keep a pastor till something can be done. Praying that this report may receive your prayerful consideration, we are your servants, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was taken up and discussed by Rev. O. L. Betts and D. L. Gore. Report to be submitted later. Roll of churches called and new delegates enrolled.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock and discussed by S. H. Averitt and J. D. Hocutt. Pledges taken. Report adopted and collection taken for Orphanage amounting to $14.66 which was turned over to Bro. Averitt.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

No other department of our work is more thoroughly Christian and more urgently appeals to the Christian heart than that of caring for the orphan. The Bible abounds in blessings promised to those who care for and assist the fatherless and curses pronounced upon those who oppress or ill treat them. James makes caring for the fatherless one of the tests of pure religion. We rejoice in the continued blessing of God upon our Orphanage at Thomasville and call upon every Baptist in our Association to help us in the God given and gloriously rewarded task of providing for the hundreds of fatherless children who are entrusted to us as a denomination.

The Orphanage this year reports a good financial support, considering the panic, though several thousand dollars behind. The health of the children has been excellent, though there have been several mild cases of scarlet fever.

Three things the committee wishes to urge upon all our churches with reference to the support of the Orphanage:

1. A monthly collection from every Sunday-school.
2. A club of Charity and Children in every Sunday-school if possible.
3. A Thanksgiving offering from every church for the Orphanage. We would suggest upon this point that pastors who have more than one church arrange for a thanksgiving service on some Sunday nearest to Thanksgiving day at which they be present if possible and if not that they arrange with some other pastor or

brother to conduct the service and present the needs of the Orphanage,

Respectfully submitted
COMMITTEE.

Committee on Sunday-schools report one session held at Watha and committee continued and on motion the proceedings of the Sunday-school Convention held at Watha were ordered to be printed in the minutes.

On motion Laymen's Missionary movement was ordered to be taken up with Foreign Missions.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met at 2 p. m. and opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. J. B. Newton after which report on Foreign Missions was read and submitted by Dr. J. H. Foster and discussed, together with the Laymen's Movememt by Dr. Foster (prayer by W. C. Peterson) W. L. Britt, W. C. Peterson. Report adopted and pledges taken for Foreign Missions.

On motion it was ordered that one hour be given to the Laymen's Movement at the next session of the Association.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The supreme business of the churches is the evangelization of the world. If we are not making an honest effort to bring the world to Christ we are recreant to the highest trust ever reposed in man.

"A Christian life in which the spirit of missions has no place is as great a moral contradiction as is one which is indifferent to the elementary virtue of the Christian, moral ideal."

1900 years ago our great Captain gave to his people the command to go and evangelize the world. And still it is night, Still the world is rocked to sleep in the arms of Satan. There are 160,000, 000 Protestant Christians in the world and over one billion unevangelized.

When we remember that this army of Christians is contributing only 22 million a year to save the heathen, it is time for serious thought.

We have come to a crisis in the work of missions. Never since the giving of the great commission has the world been so open to the gospel. The secular convulsions of the old world have turned out to the furtherance of the cause of Christ. A combination of socialistic tendencies, economic theories, books, rail roads, electricity, travel, new world ideas, together with churches that have stood for soul liberty have produced a democratic current that is sweeping over Europe and the Orient.

The birth of the Laymen's missionary movement, while an acknowledgment of failure to meet responsibility in the past, is a prophecy of better things for the future. The report made at the Southern Baptist Convention showed that there were 231 missionaries and 375 native helpers in the employ of the Board.

Since that Convention 22 new missionaries have been sent out and many others are applying—kept at home only for lack of funds.

The membership on the foreign field is 16,596. These churches in foreign lands, composed mostly of the poorest people, contributed last year $40,277.

The total receipts of the Foreign Board for last year were $420,797, a gain of $58,000 over the year before. In the Southern Baptist Convention there are 31,296 churches. Of these 10,118 give absolutely nothing to missions. The average contribution is thus reduced to 22 cents. The average contribution of those just redeemed from heathenism is $2.42 or a little over ten times as much as that of Christians who enjoy all the blessings of a Christian civilization.

We would earnestly recommend:

1. That members of our churches subscribe for the Foreign Mission Journal and read it faithfully.
2. That the pastors press this subject, so near the Savior's heart, with renewed zeal.
3. That the churches secure missionary leaflets from the Foreign Board and distribute them among the members that they may be informed of the needs and of the work being done.
4. That the women of our churches co-operate more cordially with the missionary bands.
5. That every male member get in touch with the laymen's movement and do his part to make it a success.
6. That we preach, read, talk and give as never before, that the power of God may be felt among us and we may understand as never before the meaning of the coming of the kingdom of God among men.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. FOSTER, Chairman.

Report on Ministerial Relief was read and submitted by Rev. J. D. Hocutt and discussed by J. D. Hocutt, D. L. Gore, W, L. Britt. Pledges taken and report adopted.

REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE BAPTIST MINISTERS RELIEF BOARD OF NORTH CAROLINA.

This board was organized by order of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina May 3, 1890, and composed of the following brethren:

D. L. Gore, President. Dr. T. H. Pritchard, W. A. French, J. T. Bland, J. S. Allen, J. C. Stevenson, and for the first year of its existence was located in Wilmington. After tne first year its location was removed to Durham, N. C. where it has since had its head quarters:

Rev. J. F. MacDuffin is the efficient Corresponding Secretary and has held this important position since its removal to Durham.

The purpose of this board is to afford aid and relief to needy and worthy Baptist ministers and their widows. Who have borne the heat and burden of the day. Who have given their lives to the cause of Christ, in preaching the gospel in North Carolina, and who by age or infirmity, are no longer able to serve in the active ministry. and whose incomes are not sufficent to supply

the means of subsistence.

The work of this board has grown slowly but steadily, since its organization, and there is no work that is committed to the Baptist host of North Carolinians that is more worthy of their consideration and support than the support of these aged servants of God, who have given their lives, labors and sacrifices for the upbuilding of our Redeemer's kingdom in North Carolina and we recommend an increased contribution to this work.

There is at this time a little more than thirty persons roceiving aid from this Board.

One-third of the money contributed to this work goes into a permanent interest bearing fund, the interest of which, together with the two-thirds contributed to the same, is for the immediate use of the beneficiaries.

The contributions to this work up to Sept. 27th of the present conventional year was $2,100, and the Board hopes to make it $3000 by the convention.

The permanent interest bearing fund as reported to the Convention in 1907 was something over $2,000. Last year, 1908, it amounted to something over $7,000.

Respectfully submitted

J. D. Hocutt, Committee

Report of Finance committee was read and submitted by W. C. Keith. On motion $11.12 sent up for "other objects" as shown in report was ordered placed in the minute fund.

Report adopted.

TREASURERS' REPORT

Charge treasurer as follows: to amount received from finance committee,

For State Missions	$38.92
For Home Missions	21.33
For Foreign Missions	25.33
For Ministerial Education	7.00
For Ministerial Relief	13.25
For Orphanage	49.22
For Sunday-school Missions	4.50
For Associational Missions	5.00
For Minute Fund	42.00
	$206.55

Disbursments, to credit treasurer as follows;

Amount sent to Walters Durham treasurer of Baptist State Convention	$110.33
Paid to S. H. Averett Treas. of the Orphanage	49.22
Paid Clerk for Minute Fund	42.00
Total	201.55
Amount on hand for Associational Missions	5 00
	206.55

Respectfully submited, W. H. Lewis, Treas.

Report on Temperance was read and submitten by Rev. J. A. Smith and discussed by J. A. Smith, J. B. Newton, O. P. Meeks, C. F. Whitlock. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

But a short time ago the citizens of our own beloved state by a large majority went for state prohibition and the saloons and breweries were closed by the strong arm of the law and the wicked and corrupt men who for years had corrupted the politics and debauched the morals of the state were reminded of the fact that they must cease business of their kind in our state for the saloon could no longer be tolerated by a patient and long suffering people.

The victory gained at the polls was indeed a grand victory when we remember the desperate efforts and corrupt methods used by the whiskey people to defeat the wishes of the best people in the state. The battle has been fought at the polls and the victory won but the fight is not yet over, and anything now like apathy an indifference will sooner or later rob us of the grand results of a splendid victory.

The question is asked in Holy Writ. Can the Ethiopan change his color or the leopard his spots? We all know the answer to this question. Has the prohibition law changed the attitude of our former enemies with reference to civic righteousness and sound morality? There is but one answer to this question, and the answer is the sad fact that blind tigers and near beer saloons are in full blast in many portions of our prohibition territory.

These are facts, and facts are stubborn things. If the eyes of our people are not blind they must recognize the fact that the whiskey men and their friends are just as lawless as men can be and are determined to demonstrate the fact that prohibition don't prohibit. Right here in the state of North Carolina they are working night and day to make the prohibition law null and void, and restore the saloon.

Brethren the time has come when we must assert our manhood and crush out with terrific blows the lawless spirit which would establish blind tigers and near beer saloons under the very shadows of our Christian churches and our Christian homes.

We offer the following resolutions to this report:

Resolved,1st. That we pledge ourselves as the churches of the Wilmington Association to do everything in our power to uphold the state prohibition law which is now upon the statute books of North Carolina.

Resolved,2nd. That we condemn in the most vigorous manner the shipment of intoxicating liquors into our state and county, also that we condemn the advertisement of whiskey in the papers upon which we bestow a patronage.

Resolved.3rd. That as brave and heroic Christians we do every thing in our power to destroy the blind tigers and near beer saloons which are doing the same damage as did the old fashioned saloon.

J. A. SMITH.

On motion it was ordered that all reports on Education be merged and taken up at 7:30 p. m. and Rev. O. L. Stringfield was requested to address the Association on these questions.

D. L. Gore, G. E. Leftwich and A. L. Vann were appointed a committee to confer with Brother Jones and others who are interested as to the disposition of the funds (about $60.00) which had been raised for the purpose of building Cedar Hill church, as the church has disbanded and the funds not used.

The committee on place and preacher report: Place—Willard, Sermon—Dr. J. H. Foster, Alternate G. A. Martin; Missionary Sermon—Rev. J. A. Smith, Alternate, J. C. Mizell. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened at 7:30 with song and prayer services. Report on General Education read and submitted by W. L. Britt. Report on Ministerial Education read and submitted by A. C. Chaffin and discussed by Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 tomorrow and continue the discussion of the reports.

GENERAL EDUCATION.

The term used implies that this is something for everybody. This being so, the question arises as to what that something is, and how it may be obtained.

But when we ask what education is we are confronted with a difficulty, because that which is generally regarded as education, will not fit any definition of that term. Perhaps it will help us a little if we try to define the term negatively.

(A.) Education is NOT cramming the mind with a great conglomeration of undigested facts.

(B.) Education is not injecting a lot of statements into the brain of the one to be educated.

(C.) Education is not simply finding out what others already know. One must do this, but even then he may not be educated.

If education is neither one of these, then the question repeats itself: What is education? Let us see.

Of all the definitions we have been able to find or think out, the following suits us best:

Education is that process by means of which the individual is prepared to do his life's work best. The writer is well aware that should this definition be adopted and applied there would be a great shaking up of present day systems. But we firmly believe that this shaking up would be for the advantage of the coming generations.

Another definition of education is, that it is the result of a process by means of which the individual is enabled to adjust himself to his environments. These two definitions well-nigh cover the whole ground.

The second question is: How shall this education be obtained?

We are up against a stone wall. There is no college nor subordinate school in which, either or both, this preparation and adjustment can be obtained. Schools and colleges help, and we commend them heartily, but let it never be forgotten that "book learning" does not constitute education. If one ever becomes educated, he must do so by the three methods, observation, study and application.

Christian Education, so far as schooling is concerned, can be obtained only in a Christian environment. We should be glad if every boy and girl throughout this entire section could attend the Dell School, and from there go to Meredith or Wake Forest College. But the state must educate and for the same reasen and purpose that the denomination must educate. The state is in the field to stay. We may as well recognize that fact. This being so, and it also being true that a great many of our children will never attend any school except a state school it becomes our duty to see to it in some way that the children in these state schools have at least a Christian environment. I offer no suggestion as to the way this ought to be done; but simply call attention to the fact that if we Christian folks do not do something just here a great many of the youth of our beloved State can never obtain any sort of a Christian education, and an education lacking in this particular can never be general nor complete.

Respectfully submitted, W. L. Britt.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Our fathers established Wake Forest College primarily for the purpose of educating our ministers. Article 2 of the Constitution of the Baptist State Convention says "The primary object of the Convention shall be to encourage and support Wake Forest College; to educate young men called of God to the ministry; and approved by the churches to which they belong; to encourage education among all the people of the state: etc.

Located at the college is a board whose function it is to collect and disburse funds to aid young ministers through their college course who are not able to defray their own expenses. Baptist preachers are generally poor, but no man should be too poor to become a Baptist minister and to be properly trained for his work. With few exceptions God calls into the Baptist ministry young men who are not able to educate themselves. To undertake to make the money or refund it would be a needless waste of time. To help them is to help the work of the kingdom where it will count most.

Since the organization of this particular phase of our work, about 600 men have been recipients of its beneficence. Among this number are many of the ablest and most useful pastors in this and other states and some have gone to the foreign field. Last year the Board aided at Wake Forest 61 men, and at Louisville about 20, making eighty in all. The amount given to a beneficiary pays about one-half his expenses. This amount ought to be increased.

Still it may be said: "The harvest truly is plenteous but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest. A. C. CHAFFIN,

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met at 9:30 and opened with devotional services conducted by Rev. C. F. Whitlock after which minutes of yesterdays session were read and approved. Discussion of the report on Education was continued by Rev. O. L. Stringfield, Rev. W. L. Britt, Rev. J. B. Newton, and Bro. J. T. Bland. Pledges taken for Ministerial Education and reports adopted.

Report on Periodicals and Religious Literature was read and submitted by J. T. Bland and adopted without discussion.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS AND RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Ordinary observation will convince any one that people are greatly influenced by what they read. The power wielded by the printing press is a very great power, because the printed page is a stimulant of thought. The Bible tells us that "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Every agency that stimulates thought is therefore a powerful agency, and the world has found it out. As a result, the making of books, magazines and newspapers, has no end, and they are all read by somebody. Of all the ages, this is the reading age. The people are reading, will read, and will be influenced by what they read.

Do these facts have suggestions for us as a people and a denomination of Christians? Do we as preachers and leaders of the people have any responsibility as to what the people read? Do we as Sunday-school workers and teachers exert all our power in guiding the school to the best reading? Do we fathers and mothers give our boys and girls an opportunity of reading the best books and papers by placing them in our homes? Do we spend more money for useless things and say we are unable to take the 'Biblical Recorder,' 'Charity and Children,' 'Youth's Companion' or other good papers?

If we can answer these questions satisfactorily at the next Association, the agent for the Recorder will not have to make appeals for subscribers. J. T. Bland, Committee.

Woman's work was taken up and paper read by Mrs. G. A. Martin and work discussed by W. B. Rivenbark, J. B. Newton, O. P. Meeks and G. E. Leftwich. On motion it was suggested that the women meet in the church immediately after dinner and elect an Associational Vice-President and other officers. Women met as before suggested with Mrs. W. L. Britt presiding and after some discussion of the work by Mrs. G. A. Martin, Mrs. J. D. Lewis and Mrs. C. F. Whitlock they elected the following officers:

Vice-President Wilmington Association.....Mrs. G. A. Martin
Assistant Vice-Pres. Wilmington Association.....Mrs. W. L. Britt
Secretary Wilmington Association.....Mrs. G. E. Leftwich

Report on Home Missions was read and submitted by G. A. Martin and discussed by G. A. Martin, O. P. Meeks and on motion it was ordered thot discussion of the report be continued un-

til the afternoon session.

Committee to nominate Executive Committee reported the following as Executive Committee: G. A. Martin, J. T. Bland, R. P. Hinton, G. E. Leftwich, D. L. Gore and A. L. Pridgen. Report was adopted.

Report on Associational History and Obituary was read and submitted by O. P. Meeks and adopted.

OBITUARY.

In accordance with the time honored custom of Associational gatherings we pause now to hallow the memory of our sainted dead: Since our last annual session 47 of our beloved co-laborers in the churches of this body have been summoned from earthly scenes and trials to their final reward.

While no leading standard bearer has fallen at his post, these all constitute by their unobtrusive and quiet lives the most vital of our working force—the rank and file without which we could have no army to lead, none to fight our battles for the Lord.

We must never forget that precisely the daily lives and every day example of the every day Christian is the immediate practical test of the success or failure of Christianity in our midst.

It is not the number so much but the efficiency of our soldiery that wins battles. And, then, brethren, what a glorious part of our ministry it becomes to be developing and fitting up characters for heaven—jewels to lay at the Master's feet; while by ties of nature we are saddened by their departure, heaven is made richer by their reception.

We may mention two among the more conspicuous of our deceased brethren.

Isaih Carroll of Mt. Holly was many years one of the prominent deacons of his church and for 37 years its clerk, was widely known and reverred as the treasurer of the Eastern Association. For a great while he never missed a session, and took an active interest in its work.

J. W. Colins also of First Church Wilmington will long be remembered for his faithful service as church clerk and adviser during many years of its activity in the kingdom of the Lord. "These men died in the faith, desiring a better and heavenly country, Wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God for he hath prepared for them a city." O. P. Meeks.

The Moderator appointed the following standing committees:

Digest of church letters.....H. G. Fennel
State and Sunday-school Missions.....W. L. Britt
Home Missions.....J. H. Foster
Foreign Missions.....C F. Whitlock
Orphanage.....W. B. Rivenbark
Colleges and Schools.....O. P. Meeks
Ministerial Relief.....J. H. Dobson
Laymen's Movement.....W. C. Peterson
Periodicals and Religious Literature.....J. D. Hocutt
Woman's Work.....A. C. Chaffin
Associational History and Obituaries.....C. E. McCullen

On motion adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Association met at 2 p. m. and opened with song service, Treasurer W. H. Lewis, submitted his report which was adopted. On motion Clerk was requested to communicate with Willard church relative to disposing of the $5.00 sent up by that church for Associational Evangelist. Discussion of Home Mission. Report was taken up and discussion continued by O. L. Stringfield. Pledges taken and report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board was organized sixty four years ago. It is doing work in Cuba, Isle of Pines, Panama and frontier and city mission work within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During these sixty four years of service its missionaries have organized 5,917 churches and baptized 188,003 converts into the fellowship of our churches. Last year its missionaries baptized 25,109 converts an average of 68 baptisms for every day in the year. They organized 315 new churches and built 368 houses of worship, one for every day with three over. They organized 957 Sunday-schools many of which will become churches in one year. Such magnificent results thrill our hearts.

It is generally recognized among us Baptists that a New Testament church has for its principal object the evangelization of the world, and that every member of that church is bound to do all in his power to accomplish that object. The Baptist who fails to recognize that fact, and work for its accomplishment, be he preacher or layman, has neither seen the blood-stained cross of Calvary nor heard (in his heart) the words Jesus uttered on the summit of Olivet, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in Judea, and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." In these words of Jesus we have his own program for missionary activity, Begin at home and go but GO "Save America to save the world" is the true spirit and principle of Christian missions. As loyal Christians we cannot refuse to send the gospel of the blessed God to the regions beyond, but if we would make that work most effective we must not neglect to strengthen the fort and home of the missionary. The heathen within our gates have a stronger claim on us, and offer a more inviting field for missionary enterprise than the heathen in their native environment which is naturally hostile to the missionary Realizing this, the Home Board is trying to meet the oncoming tide of heathen immigration with the gospel with the hope of winning them to Christ. It looks as if God had grown tired of our puny efforts to evangelize them on their native soil and is sending them right to our very doors where we will have to evangelize them in self defense. For with them here un-christianized every sacred institution is menanced. Our Christian homes, our cherished Sabbath, our sacred temples. our free government and religious liberty are not only threatened but doomed unless these are won to Christ. We must meet them with the gospel and Christianize them or they will Paganize us. In the great cities

of New York and Chicago where the foreign element predominates heathen temples in which daily sacrifices are offered to pagan gods lift their spires in rivalry with the churches of Christ. Open saloons, Sabbath desecration, low theatrical shows and every other corrupting vice abound, The Home Board is trying to save the South from such deplorable conditions by giving to them the gospel as they come.

To speak of our frontier work in a way that would give you an intelligent conception of the magnitude of the possibilities and the magnificent achievements to say nothing of our mountain schools would make this report too long for a place in the records. No one can read of the marvelous results in these fields and not be impressed with the fact that God is in the midst of his people with his blessings.

Respectfully submitted,
G. A. MARTIN, Committee.

Report on digest of church letters was read and submitted by H. G. Fennel and discussed by W. L. Britt, O. P. Meeks, G. A. Martin, H. G. Fennel. Report adopted.

On motion a vote of thanks was tendered the church at Atkinson and friends for their generous hospitality.

On motion the Association endorsed the plan of campaign made during the summer in the interest of Education, Missions and Sunday-schools.

The Association adjourned to meet at Willard on Tuesday after the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1910.

C. E. McCullen
Clerk

G. A. Martin
Moderator.

STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Constituted	Value of Church Property.	MEMBERSHIP									
			Increase			Decr'se						
			Baptisms.	Letters.	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Death.	Present Membership	Males.	Females	Reported last year.
Atkinson	1904	1,500	...	5		6	1	6	103	41	62	111
Barlow's Chapel.	1870	1,000	9	1		3	5		125	56	72	122
Bear Branch.	.....	.....	9	..		...	..		.....	.....	....	55
Bethlehem.	.....	1,000	11	3	1	2	..	3	153	64	89	144
Burgaw.	1882	4,000	...	6		4	..	1	120	46	76	120
Canetuck.	.....	400	...	...	1	11	1	2	118	52	66	131
Castle Haynes.	.....	1,200	...	....		...	.		.....	.....	....	27
Caswell.	.....	800	6	1		...	..		61	22	39	54
Catherine Lake.	.....	600	...	....		...	..		16	4	12	22
Emma's Chapel.	1880	3,700	....	1	1	...	..		78	30	48	76
Centerville.	.....	3,000	....	2		...	..	1	87	38	49	87
Harmony.	.....	600	....	....		1	..	1	84	33	56	89
Haw Bluff.	1859	450	9	...	1	5	2	2	71	35	36	....
Ivanhoe.	.....	500	5	9		8	..	1	49	21	23	45
Jacksonville.	.....	2,000	5	3	1	6	2	1	50	20	30	50
Long Creek.	1871	500	...	2	1	1	1	1	115	49	66	118
Masonboro.	.....	1,000	....	2		2	8	1	112	40	72	114
Moore's Creek.	.....	500	3	...		1	..	1	108	50	58	106
Mt. Holly.	.....	600	....	...		6	.	3	118	48	72	125
Olive Branch.	1880	400	...	5	2	...	3		81	32	49	77
Olivett.	.....	1,000	2	...		...	1	1	46	16	30	37
Providence.	.....	600	...	...		..	..		26	8	18	26
Riley's Creek.	.....	800	..	3		1	4	2	130	53	77	138
Salem.	1877	200	...	...		...	..		40	15	25	49
Salt Marsh.	.....	300	6	...	1	4	..	1	55	20	35	53
Shiloh.	1853	1,000	...	...		3	..	4	139	60	79	150
Tar Landing.	.....	.....	...	...		...	..		.....	.....	....	20
Teacheys.	.....	2,500	...	...		3	..		154	76	78	160
Wallace.	1905	6 700	4	30		3	..	2	191	83	103	177
Watha.	1908	500	16	...		. .	1		32	15	17	29
Well's Chapel.	1751	.....	4	...		7	.	2	249	112	137	257
Willard.	.....	800	7	...		2	7	1	112	39	72	111
Wilmington, First.	1828	55,000	33	28	6	87	4	9	753	304	449	788
Wilmington, Brooklyn.	.....	10,000	11	33		18	..	1	334	....	....	320
Wilmington, Southside.	.....	4,000	27	67	3	24	8	7	292	105	187	241
Wrightsboro.	1909	2,800	7	23		...	..		30	10	20	...

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministers Relief	Sunday School Missions
Atkinson	12.00	7.50	10.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	5
Barlow's Chapel.	25.00	10.00	20.00	20	5.00	7.50	2
Bethlehem.	9 00	10.00	8.00	9.00	1.00	2 50	2
Bear Branch.	5.00	2.00	5.00	2	.....	1	....
Blackwell's.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Burgaw.	20.00	5,00	60 00	20	7.50	5	2
Canetuck.	10.00	5.00	.....	10	5	3.75	2
Caswell.	3.00	1.00	3.00	2	1	1	2
Catherine Lake.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Castle Haynes.	.....	.....	2.00	2	.....	1	.....
Emma's Chapel.	12.50	8.50	7.50	12	3	2.50	4
Centerville	5.00	3 00	2.00	3	1	1	2
Harmony.	10.00	2.00	8	5	.....	2	1
Haw Bluff.	5.00	4.00	5	5	2	2	.....
Long Creek.	5.00	7.00	12	5	.....	5	1.50
Jacksonville.	15.00	5.00	5	12	3	5	3.50
Masonboro.	12.50	6.25	20	12.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Moore's Creek.	10.00	5 00	10	15	1	2	1
Mt. Holly.	8.00	2.50	6	15	1	3	2
Olive Branch.	5.00	2.00	10	5	1	1	.....
Olivett.	5.00	2.50	5	7.50	1	1	.....
Providence.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Riley's Creek.	12.00	7.00	10	10	3.00	3	1.00
Salt Marsh.	.....	1,00	1	1	.50	1	.50
Shiloh.	10.00	2.00	25	10	1	2	1
Salem.	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tar Landing.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Teacheys.	35.00	10.00	10	30	5	5	2
Wallace.	10.00	10.00	10	25	5	5	5
Well's Chapel.	15.00	10.00	55	25	5	10.00	3
Willard.	10.00	7.	12	12	.....	3	1
Wilmington, First.	500	400	600	250	50.00	25	25
Wilmington, Brooklyn.	50.00	50.00	50	200	10.00	25	5
Wilmington, Southside.	50.00	40.00	50	65	10.00	10	5
Watha.	3.00	3.00	5	5	.....	1	.....
Ivanhoe.	3.00	1.00	5	20	1	1	1
Wrightsboro.	5.00	.50	5	5	1	1	1

SOCIETY STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Name of Society	President	Post Office	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missionss	Orphanage	Minister's Relief	Other Objects	Ministerial Education	Colleges and Schools
Atkinson	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson	...	1.75	1.00	2.35	.....	....	26.35	....	....
Bethlehem	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. F. V. Glisson	Currie	...	.....	17.00	2.00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	....
Caswell	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. McDuffy	Pt. Caswell	...	.....	1.40	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Emma's Chapel	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. L. Britt	Richlands	10	1.05	3.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.50
Emma's Chapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. W. L. Britt	Richlands	25	1.12	8.49	2.29	.....	....	1.12	....	....
Centerville	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. L. H. Vollers	Kelly N. C.	14	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Jacksonville	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	11	.65	9.10	7.00	.....	....	.40	....	.35
Jacksonville	Sunbeams	Gertrude Thompson	Jacksonville	20	.....	.50	.....	.....	....	.90	....	....
Wallace	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. F. P. Powers	Wallace	14	1.00	.55	3.00	.....	.....	.....	....	....
Wallace	Ladies' Aid Society	Mrs L. J. Carter	Wallace	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	49.00	....	....
Watha	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Mary McGower	Watha	18	.....	.....	.....	....	....	.....	....	....
Well's Chapel	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. F, Taylor	Kerr	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....
Willard	Women's Missionary Society	Mary Lou Powers	Wallace	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....
Wilmington First	Women's Missionbry Society	Mrs. C. O. Byerly	Wilmington	100	100.24	36.25	173.41	75.00	....	.....	....	....
Wilmiugton First	Y. L. Missionary Society	Miss Claire Lathrop	Wilmington	20	15.50	16.75	26.83	.....	....	53.30	....	0
Wilmington First	B. Y. P. U.	G. E. Leftwich	Wilmington	60	5.00	5.00	10.00	.....	....	2.07	....	0
Wilmington First	Sunbeams	Mrs A M Scarborough	Wilmington	18	5.00	5.00	10.00	.....	....	.....	....	....
Wilmington Southside.	Women's Missionary Society	Mrs. G. A. Martin	Wilmington	24	6.50	8.00	8.70	.....	....	.....	....	....
Wilmington Southside.	Willing Workers	Miss Fannie Holten	Wilmington	22	9.00	3.85	5.00	18.84	4.00	2.80	....	....
Wilmington Southside.	B. Y. P. U.	Miss Bevie Fales	Wilmington	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....
Wilmington Southside.	Sunbeams	Miss Mollie Holten	Wilmington	25	1.00	3.00	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....

Watha.	W. B. Rivenbark ✓	Teacheys.....	J. B. Johnson..	Watha.....	3rd
Well's Chapel.	A C. Chaffin..... ✓	Willard.....	L D Highsmith	Willard.....	2nd
Willard.	A C Chaffin..... ✓	Willard.....	W. F. Bowen....	Willard.....	3rd
Wilmington, First.	J. H. Foster ..... ✓	Wilmington.....	W. B. Muse.....	Wilmington.....	Each
Wilmington, Brooklyn.	C. F. Whitlock..... ✓	Wilmington	C. S. Britt.....	Wilmington	Each
Wilmington, Southside.	G. A. Martin..... ✓	Wilmington.....	J. F. Littleton..	Wilmington	Each
Wrightsboro.	W J Jones..... ✓	Salemburg.....	P. E. Hoggard.	Wilmington.....	2nd

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POST OFFICE	CLERKS	POST OFFICE.	Sunday of Meeting
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	C. A. Barnhill	Atkinson, N. C.	3rd.
Barlow's Chapel.	Pastorless		R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	
Bear Branch.	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	G. F. Malpass	Montague	
Bethlehem.	J. C. Mizell	Funston	W. C. Keith	Currie	1st
Burgaw.	Pastorless		C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	3rd
Canetuck.	J. C Mizell	Funston	D J Corbett, Sr	Currie	2nd
Castle Haynes.	Pastorless				
Caswell.	O. P. Meeks	Fayetteville	Scott Vollers	Pt. Caswell	3rd
Catherine Lake.	W. L. Britt	Richlands	J. Marshburn	Catherine Lake	4th
Emma's Chapel.	W. L. Britt	Richlands	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	4th
Centerville.	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	L. M. Porter	Kelley, N. C.	2nd
Harmony.	W. B Rivenbark	Teacheys	L. P. Rooks	Ivanhoe	3rd
Haw Bluff.	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	G. V. Russ	Ivanhoe	3rd
Ivanhoe.	J. A. Bryson	Funston	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	2nd
Jacksonville.	W. L. Britt	Richlands	R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	1st and 3rd
Long Creek.	A. C. Chaffin	Willard	O. D. Malpass	Burgaw	4th
Masonboro.	Pastorless		A. Hewlett	Wilmington	1st
Moore's Creek.	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	G H Highsmith	Currie	2nd
Mt. Holly.	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	J. B. Johnson	Watha, N C.	1st
Olive Branch.	J. D, Hocutt	Ashton	Alma Hewlett	Wilmington	4th
Olivett.	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	J. W, Webb.	Rocky Point	1st
Providence.	Pastorless		R. H. Bethea	Holly Ridge	
Riley's Creek.	A. C. Chaffin	Willard	J. D. Mohn	Rocky Point	3rd
Salem.	Pastorless		J E Robinson	Sneed's Ferry	
Salt Marsh.	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	M. P. Peterson	Nat Moore	4th
Shiloh.	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	H. A. Bland	Currie	3rd
Tar Landing.	W. L. Britt	Richlands			
Teacheys.	B. F. DeLoach	Clinton	W. S. Teachey	Teachey	2nd
Wallace.	J. A. Smith	Wilmington	A. R. Sloan	Wallace	2nd

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Post Office	Baptisms from Schools	Average Attendance	Months Open	Papers and Quarterlies Taken	Volumns in Library	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Officers and Scholars
Atkinson	W. H. Lewis.....	Atkinson, N. C.	.....	67	12	96	.....	1	6	87	93
Barlow's Chapel.	James Andrews..	Sloop Point....	7	30	12	40	.....	1	5	56	55
Bear Branch.	D. M. Melvin... .,	Currie.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	30	35
Bethlehem.	W, C. Keith.....	Currie.....	11	35	12	240	25	1	6	55	61
Burgaw.	C. E. McCullen...	Burgaw.....	.....	50	12	400	.....	1	8	85	93
Canetuck.	D. J. Corbett, Sr	Currie.....	.....	30	12	25	30	1	6	50	56
Castle Haynes.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Caswell.	W. D. Malpass....	Currie.....	6	25	12	49	.....	1	6	50	54
Catherine Lake.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Emma's Chapel.	W. E. Taylor.....	Richlands.....	.....	37	12	106	.....	1	8	73	81
Centerville.	L. H. Vollers	Kelley, N. C....	.....	46	12	79	.....	1	7	73	90
Harmony.	A. W. Marshburn	Ivanhoe.....	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	1	6		.....
Haw Bluff.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jacksonville.	M. B. Humphrey	Jacksonville...	.....	40	12	139	.....	1	7	59	66
Long Creek.	O D Malpass.....	Burgaw.....	.....	12	12	20	.....	1	7	25	32
Masonboro.	J. P. Herring	Wilmington	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moore's Creek.	G. H. Highsmith	Currie.....	.....	25	.....	36	.....	1	6	25	31
Mt. Holly.	A Carroll.....	Watha, N C....	.....	25	12	26	.....	1	5	42	47
Olive Branch.	A. L. Vann.....	Wilmington.....	.....	30	12	40	.....	1	7	54	61
Olivett.	J N Lanier.....	Rocky Point....	1	20	12	26	57	1	8	28	36
Providence.	John Walker.....	Holly Ridge....	.....	15	12	.....	.....	1	4	25	29

Riley's Creek.											
Salem.											
Ivanhoe.	J B Rooks	Ivanhoe	6	39	12	67		1	5	61	67
Salt Marsh.	R M Squires	Nat Moore	6	40	12	46		1	8	67	75
Shiloh.	A T Herring	Watha		25	12	30		1	4	30	34
Tar Landing.											
Teacheys.	A F Bland	Teacheys		30	12			1	5	50	55
Wallace.	J H Jeffries	Willard	2	64	12	227		1	10	151	161
Watha.	A Caroll	Watha		40	12	65		1	7	65	72
Well's Chapel.	L R Highsmith	Kerr	4	48	12	102		1	7	84	91
Willard.	R T Rivenbark	Willard	5	50	12	70		1			68
Wilmington, First.	M E Graham	Wilmington	9	248	12			1	27	360	387
Wilmington, Brooklyn.	W L Moore	Wilmington	4	156	12			1	15	235	240
Wilmington, Southside.	R B Moore	Wilmington	15	109	12	200		1	14	200	214
Wrightsboro.	F J Dempsey	Wilmington		35	12	35		1	5	30	35

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairing	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	Poor	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missionss	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Minister's Relief	Minute Fund	Other Objects	Evangelistic Missions	TOTAL
Atkinson	125.00	45.00	.....	16.00	32.00	11.85	6.00	10.56	5.00	7 00	.....	2 00	2 50	1.25	26 35	....	290.51
Barlows Chapel	150.00	.....	13.45	6.55	.....	25.00	10 00	20.00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	3 50	....	55 00	....	303.50
Bear Branch	24.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.66	.....	1.10	.....	.70	.....	.....	.....	50	2 00	....	31.96
Bethlehem	97.16	3.00	.....	.....	.....	7 50	22.00	8.25	1 00	11.50	.....	2 00	2 50	1 25	.....	5 00	161 16
Burgaw	73.00	75.00	7.50	35.00	.....	20 00	5 00	50 00	1 00	15 00	.....	5 00	5 00	2 50	.....	....	294 00
Canetuck	112.65	.....	.....	6.30	.....	10 00	5 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	3 75	1 25	4 45	....	158 70
Castle Hayne	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.34	.33	.33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	1 00
Caswell	100	.....	.....	4.77	.....	.57	1.92	1.12	6 27	1.13	.....	.....	.52	50	41	....	117 21
Catherine Lake	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Emma's Chapel	200.	.....	41.85	18.68	.....	16.82	20.01	18.79	4 00	15 48	.50	2 00	3.60	1 00	34 12	....	376 85
Centerville	200.00	56.10	6.36	45.22	.....	4.54	2 98	3.75	.....	2 48	.....	.....	1.72	1 00	24 05	....	348 20
Harmony	75.00	.....	.....	8.00	.....	5.00	5 00	5.00	.....	10 60	.....	.....	.....	65	17 25	....	126 50
Haw Bluff	75.00	.....	14.14	.....	.....	3 51	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	12	....	95 77
Ivanhoe	100.00	500.00	25.00	18.00	.....	3.28	2.85	4 28	.....	7 82	.....	1 77	.....	1 10	.....	....	664 11
Jacksonville	250.	.....	46.58	35.62	.....	15 65	9.60	24.25	5 00	12 00	.35	2 00	5 00	1 00	84 90	....	491 95
Long Creek	112.50	.....	.....	1.50	.....	2 00	6.00	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	3 02	.....	.....	.....	....	145 02
Masonboro	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Moore's Creek	65	.....	20.00	.....	1.63	5 00	5 00	9 00	.....	5 00	.....	1 00	2 00	93	.....	....	114.56
Mt. Holly	65.00	.....	.....	4.08	.....	8 00	2 50	6 09	2 00	15 00	.....	.....	3 00	....	11 63	....	117 21
Olive Branch	75.00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	7 33	.....	1 60	.....	3 32	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	....	90 10
Olivet	30.	.....	.....	.....	6.00	5 00	.....	2 50	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	....	51 00
Providence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	1 00	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	....	6 00
Riley's Creek	150	.....	5.00	15 00	.....	12.00	7 00	5 00	1 00	10 00	.....	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	....	211 00
Salem	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	3 13
Salt Marsch	50	.....	10.00	8.40	.....	1.00	1.00	1.00	.50	.50	.....	.....	.50	40	.....	....	73 30
Shiloh	100	.....	.....	5.00	.....	5.59	1.00	.....	1 00	10 00	.....	15 00	1 00	....	.....	25 00	163 59
Tar Landing	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
Teachey's	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00	10.00	10 00	.....	30 00	.....	.....	5 00	1 00	.....	....	291 00

Wallace	200.00	255.15	.....	28.86	10.00	11.00	10.55	13.00	3.00	31.40	....	5.00	5.00	2.00	63.00	5.00	642 96
Watha	60.00	.....	.....	6.00	.....	8.85	16.42	4.00	....	9.00	....	....	1.00	.40	8.60	....	114 27
Well's Chapel	175.00	.....	.....	11.85	.....	15.00	10.00	50.00	....	20.00	....	5.00	10.00	.80	.....	55.00	352 65
Willard	125.00	.....	63.50	.....	.....	5.00	7.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	....	.....	2.50	.50	.....	5.00	229 50
Wilmington First	2137.80	35.46	2141.99	245.93	190.55	425.81	193.05	525.40	8.00	274.87	7.60	18.65	57.95	5.00	358.49	....	6626 55
" Brooklyn	1200.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50.00	50.00	40.00	5.00	150.00	10.00	10.00	15.00	2.00	.....	....	1532 00
" Southside	770.00	.....	92.56	36.59	17.75	50.50	24.85	39.85	2.45	63.20	20.00	2.50	6.50	1.50	33.50	....	1171 86
Wrightsboro	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	....	....	.....	1.00	....	....	2 00
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MINUTES OF THE

Sunday School Convention

Of The Wilmington Association

Watha. N. C., April 29, 1909.

The Sunday-school Convention of the Wilmington Association met this day in its first session with the Watha Baptist church at 10 a. m.

The devotional exercises were conducted by G. A. Martin.

The Convention was organized by electing W. B. Rivenbark Chairman, and A. C. Chaffin Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion the chairman appointed J. T. Bland, W, L. Britt and C. F. Whitlock to draft a constitution and by-laws of the Convention.

C. F. Whitlock addressed the Convention on the subject, "The Proper Relation between Superintendent, Teacher, and Pastor." He was followed by G. E. Leftwich.

"Good Teachers and How to Get Them," was discussed by J. T. Bland, W. L. Britt and others.

Chairman recognized and welcomed to the sessions of Convention. Rev. J. J. Barker, pastor of the Methodist church.

On motion adjourned for dinner,

EVENING SESSION

Convention came to order at 2 o'clock p. m. Devotional exercises conducted by W. B. Rivenbark.

The subject: "When is a Sunday-school a success?" was discussed by W. B. Rivenbark, A. Carroll C. H. Utley and others.

Mrs. W. L. Britt read an interesting paper on "How to Manage Boys."

"How may the usefulness of the Sunday-school be enlarged?" was discussed by W. L. Britt, G. E. Leftwich, G. A. Martin, J. J. Barker and others.

On motion adjourned to meet at 8:40 p. m. Benediction by W. L. Britt.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention called to order at 8:30 p. m. Devotional service led by G. E. Leftwich. Address by E. L. Middleton. On motion adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 10:30 a. m.

Prayer service led by C. C. Rice.

Report of Committee on Constitution and by-laws read by W. L. Britt. On motion Constitution and by-laws was adopted.

C. F. Whitlock read a paper written by D. L. Gore, on the sub-

ject: "The Efficient Superintendent, what are his characteristics? How is he produced."

"How I Prepare the Lesson" was discussed by G. E. Leftwich.

A paper by Miss Hester Struthers on the subject "Cradle Roll" was read by G. E. Leftwich.

Chairman recognized Thad Jones of Kenansville.

E. L. Middleton addressed the Convention on the subject of Sunday-school Missions.

On motion the Convention was authorized to raise funds to have Constitution printed and distributed to each church of the Convention.

On motion the program and place of next meeting was left with the officers of the Convention and a committee was appointed by the Association.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by C. H. Utley.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention assembled at 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer service led by W. B. Rivenbark.

On motion the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. B. Rivenbark Moderator; C. C. Rice Vice Moderator; A. C. Chaffin, Secretary-Treasurer,

On motion the balance of the program was dispensed with and the ordination of A, W. Garriss and B. Moore to the deaconship of Watha Baptist church was entered into. G. A. Martin read the scriptures, C. F. Whitlock delivered the charge, and W. B. Rivenbark offered the prayer.

C. F. Whitlock offered the fallowing resolutions which were adopted:

Resolved, that we, the visiting membefs of the Wilmington Baptist Sunday.school Convention extend to the people of Watha our most hearty thanks for their hospitality and kindness in entertaining us in their homes during this session

On motion adjourned to meet according to order of committee.

5P8 Donated by C. H. Utley

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FOR NEXT SESSION: PLACE OF MEETING, BURGAW, N. C., TUESDAY AFTER SECOND SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1912.
INTRODUCTORY SERMON, REV. W. G. HALL. ALTERNATE, REV. CHAS. F. WHITLOCK. MISSIONARY SERMON, REV. A. C. CHAFFIN.
ALTERNATE, F. A. LYLES.

PROCEEDINGS

Wilmington Baptist Association.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator----------Geo. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.
Vice Moderator----------W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey, N. C.
Clerk----------S. F. Garrison, Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer----------O. B. Cox, Rechland, N. C.

Executive Commitee.

John Marshburn, D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton, G. E. Leftwich, F. P. Powers, C. R. Corbett.

Ministerial Register.

The following is a list of Ministers who are members of this Association, with their addresses:

Aman, D. S.	Sloop Point	Jones, W. J.	Salemburg
Beck, J. H.	Sloop Point	Liles, F. A.	Jacksonville
Bryson, J. A.	Funston	Marshall, J. R.	Wiomington
Chaffin, A. C.	Willard	Moore, W. G.	Wrightsboro
DeLoach, B. F.	Clinton	Mizell, J. C.	Funston
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson	Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey
Foster, J. H.	Wilmington	Savage, F.	Teachey
Hocutt, J. D.	Ashton	Smith, J. A.	Wilmington
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington	Whitlock, C. F.	Wilmington

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love: to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tatling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage; and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1—This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Association

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's word.

Art. 2—The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3—This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4—The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5—The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 6—It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art.7—It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9—The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board so far as practicable in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the business of the second day of the session. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10—The committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of this Association.

Art. 11—The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12—The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 13—The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14—By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introcuctory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15—This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1—On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceedgin session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice Moderator shall preside.

2—Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3—At each daily session and previous of the proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceeding daily session read.

4—The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5—Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6—No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7—All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8—No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9—When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10—After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11—All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by majority of votes.

12—The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13 —The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1—Calling the Roll of Churches and enrolling Delegates.
2—Election of Officers.
3—Calling for Petitionary Letters.
4—Appointment of Committees.
5—Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6—Reports of Standing Committees.
7—Reports of other Committees.
8—Report of Treasurer.
9—Miscellaneous Business.
10—Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
11—Adjournment.

MINUTES.

Richlands, N. C., October 10, 1911.

Association met with church here at 11.45 a. m. with song and prayer service, after which Rev. R. E. Peele preached the introductory sermon.

The Moderator, G. E. Leftwich of Wilmington, N. C. called the Association to order, called the Roll of Churches, and the following Delegates were enrolled.:

Atkinson—By Letter.
Barlow's Chapel—Rev. J. H. Beck.
Bethlehem—
Bear Branch—By Letter.
Burgaw—Rev. R. E. Peele.
Canetuck—
Casewll—By Letter
Catherine Lake—J. R. Marshburn.
Castle Haynes—
Centresville—By Letter.
Emma's Chapel—O. B. Cox, F. B. Shaw, Claud Scott.
Harmony—
Haw Bluff—By Letter.
Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett.
Jacksonville—M. M. Copps, A. G. Walton, M. B. Humphrey.
Long Creek—By Letter.
Masonboro—By Letter
Morre's Creek—By Letter.
Mt. Holly—Rev. R. E. Peele.
Olive Branch—A. C. Chaffin.
Olivet—By Letter.
Providence—R. H. McThey, W. Walker.
Riley's Creek—By Letter.
Salt Marsh—R. M. Squires.
Shiloah—
Salem—By Letter.
Tar Landing—F. A. Lyles.
Teachey—Rev. W. B. Rivenbank.
Wallace—Rev. R. E. Peele.
Wells Chapel—
Watha—By Letter.
Willard—By Letter.
Wrightsboro—J. T. Ritter.
Wilmington, First Church—G. E. Leftwich, F. L. Huggins.
Wilmington, Brooklyn—D. L. Gore, S. F. Garrison.
Wilmington, Southside,—H. O. Thomas. E. Marshburn.

Association reorganized by electing the following officers.:

Moderator: G. E. Leftwich. Re-elected.
Vice Moderator: W. B. Rivenbark. Re-elected.
Clerk: B. F. Garrison, Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer: O. B. Cox Richlands.

The following Committees were announced by Moderator:
Finance Committee—E. R. Corbett, M. B. Humphrey, W. D. Rhodes.
Order of Business—W. B. Rivenbank, W. G. Hall, C. F. Whitlock.
Devotional Committee—Pastor and Deacons of this church.

The Moderator introduced Rev. W. G. Hall of Southside, who made a short talk. Rev. W. R. Beach was introduced. He called attention to Biblical Recorder. One-ten p. m. Motion to adjourn.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Song and prayer services by Rev. A. C. Chaffin.

Meeting called to order by Moderator at 2 p. m. after which he announced the following Committees.:
Place of Next Meeting—Preacher R. E. Peele, D. L. Gore, Rev. F. A. Lyles.
To Nominate Executive Committee—F. L. Huggins, R. M. Squires, John Marshburn.

Report on Periodicals was made by Rev. R. E. Peele and after discussion by Rev. W. R. Beach, Rev. J. H. Foster, Rev. Chas. F. Whitlock, Rev. R. E. Peele and D. L. Gore the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

In our Convention The Biblical Recorder is set apart for separate consideration. This is wise. The organ of the Convention has a distinct and peculiar work. The mission of the Recorder is to inform, edify, educate inspire and stimulate our people to go forward. It is performing this function admirably.

It is set for the defence of our institution and the support of our enterprises and to contend earnestly for the faith once for all delivered unto the saints. Every Baptist family should read it. The editor and his coadjutors should have our sympathy and prayers in the great work we have put upon them.

R. E. Peele, for the Committee.

Temperance Report by Rev. R. E. Peele, was read and submitted and after able discussion by Dr. J. H. Foster, Rev. F. A. Lyles, Rev. R. E. Peele and F. L. Huggins was adopted with the following:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Talk is cheap. Aaron could talk; but Moses did the work. The temperance question is talked to death. Talk will not settle it—keeps it unsettled. Resolutions will not settle it. Something has got to be done. What we resolve to do must be did. While we are fuming and fussing, discussing and sometimes "cussing" over the subject the devil is rolling off the liquor jugs at every station and the Express Co. is running an open saloon in every R. R. Office in the country. The Sunday excursion, the express car barrooms and the cigarette tobacco trust are playing havoc from sea to sea, and from Canada to Mexico, not to speak of the utmost parts of the earth.

What the country needs is a man and one or two more to help him. Prohibition will prohibit when you put a man at the head of it and behind it—one to pull and the other to push. The curse of Meroz rests upon us. Cowardice or false humility, or downright laziness is damning us. We are whining and grumbling and growling when we ought to be getting down to business.

R. E. Peele.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, under Federal regulations inter-state shipments of intoxicating liquors are delivered to the consignee before the State can have jurisdiction of the same, and

Whereas, by this arrangement the State is seriously hampered in carrying out its policies relative to the traffic on intoxication liquors, and

Whereas, we belive the State should have full control under its police power over all liquors within its borders, whether domestic or interstate, therefore

Be it Resolved: That we hereby declare ourselves in favor of such action by the Congress of the United States as will guarantee to the States the fullest jurisdiction over the State, and to this end, we request the members of Congress, both in the Senate and House, from this State, to support such legislation as is contemplated by the Curtis-Sheppard Bill :S. 1523 and H. R. 13242: now pending in Congress.

D. L. Gore was elected as messenger to Southern Baptist Convention

Three messengers to State Convention: Rev. C. F. Whitlock, Rev. A. C. Chaffin, Rev. W. G. Hall.

The Association entertained an invitation to meet with Southside, Burgaw, and Centersville,-Referred to Committee.

Four-ten p. m. meeting adjourned to meet at 7.30 p. m. at Methodist Church.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting began with song and prayer service by Rev. W. G. Hall of Southside Church.

Moderator called association to order and thanked Rev. Brown and members for use of the Church and also welcomed Rev. E. L. Middleton of Raleigh.

Report on Sunday School read and submitted by Rev. J. H. Beck and after discussion by Rev. E. L. Middleton was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

Sunday School work among Baptists was never more hopeful. It is far from what it ought to be, but there many reasons for encouragement. In 1905 we had 1,741 churches with 1,290 Sunday Schools with 104,534 pupils. This year we will report about 1,915 churches, nearly 1,900 Sunday Schools, and 175,000 to 189,000 pupils.

About 140 churches have no Sunday Schools, but we have over 100 branch or mission schools. We need at least 150 more schools. About 500 Sunday Schools close for the winter. A vigorous effort ought to be made to keep these open next winter.

The training of officers and teachers is our largest task now. About 1,000 will be enrolled in this year's Institutes and Training Schools taking a part, or all, of the lecture Course. This work will be pressed vigorously. September was used by our Baptist Sunday School Board in a campaign for Teacher Training. Already our Secretary has enrolled over 900 in the Normal Course. Other classes reported, but rolls not sent in assure 1,000 from this campaign. To date 2,700 are taking the Normal Course in North Carolina, and this will be 3,000 by the Convention.

The work in this Association is far from what it ought to be. In the whole State the ratio of Sunday School scholars to church members is 75 to 100. In this Association it is only 65 to 100.

Several Sunday Schools go into winter quarters. There are several branch Sunday Schools, but all are not reported.

As a policy for the next year we recommend the following:

1 A vigorous campaign for enlargement of membership, especially among church members.

2 Improvement in organization looking to the A1 school in the Standard of Excellence of the Sunday School Board.

3 An earnest effort to enlist our workers in increasing their efficiency by attending institutes and taking the Normal Course.

4 Hearty Cooperation with our State Committee and Secretary in their general plans, including contributions for the Sunday School Mission fund.

5 Special attention to the main business of the Sunday School which is the saving of the lost.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. BECK.

The Association was delighted with a solo by Miss Hazel Nicholson of Richland.

Rev. W. B. Rivenbark gave invitation to Baptist Sunday School Convention to meet with Seagate Church. On motion of Rev. R. E. Peele it was decided to meet there October 27, 28 and 29, 1912.

Application of Riverside Church, Burgaw, N. C. presented by Rev. R. E. Peele was referred to the following Committee,-Rev. J. H. Foster, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark and Rev. W. G. Hall.

Mr. B. W. Rogers of Orhpanage was welcomed by the Moderator.

Motion to adjourn at 9.15 p. m.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Meeting opened with song and prayer Service by Dr. J. H. Foster. Miss May Cox, Oragnist.

Moderator called meeting to order at 10 a. m.

Rev. B. G. Early welcomed.

Report on State Missions read by Gev. H. R. Hall, discussed by Rev. H. G. Hall, Rev. E. L. Middleton, Brother D. L. Gore, Rev. A. C. Chaffin. Report adopted as read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Our State Mission work should appeal to every loyal Baptist of our state. Its work is local, yet from it we catch the mission spirit, and thus it leads us out to do the mission work beyond our own state and nation. The Baptist who refuses to give to missions is not missionary in spirit, and is living directly against the teaching of God's word.

We have two-hundred and twenty-five thousand white Baptist in North Carolina, and our pledge to our state work is $50,000 and up this time only $13,000 of this amount has been paid. These facts are before our eyes to see, and our responsibility is upon us to raise the remaining $37,000 at once to keep off the debt at our convention in Dec.

Your committee recommends that each chruch use the envelope system in giving, where services are held weekly have the weekly system, and monthly services the monthly system. We recommend that our Pastors preach more on the Bible plan of giving, and giving because it is God's plan, and give our people more of God's love, and our love to God because it is His plan, and thus save us from commercialism. The board is having

more calls for aid than they can supply because we are not doing our duty. Let us do our best for our state work, and God will bless us beyond measure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. Hall, Com.

Report of Executive Committee read and submitted by G. E.Leftwich, Chairman, discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. W. G. Hall, D. L. Gore, G. E. Leftewich, Rev. J. H. Foster, Rev. Chas. F. Whitlock, Rev. J. H. Beck and Rev. F. A. Lyles.

Report adopted.

Brethren:

Your Committee beg to report that after your last Association we secured the following amounts from the "State Board" for the year 1911—

Bro. Lyles	on Onslow Field	200.00
Bro. Beck	Salem and Piordar	100.00
Bro. Hocut	Alurt	25.00
Bro. Chapin	Olive Branch and Masonboro	250.00
Bro. Hilbum	Bear Branch	25.00
Bro. Peele	Burgaw and Wallace	300.00
Bro. Sandlin	Watha	25.00
Bro. Martin	South Side	150.00
	Total	$1075.00

This was the only meeting of the year so no matter requiring a meeting came before us. We suppose the appropriations were wisely given, but your chairman has not received a line from any of the fields and therefore unable to make the full report you require.

Respectfully,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Chairman ex. Com.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by Rev. Chas. F. Whitlock, discussed by B. W. Rogers of Orphanage and Rev. Chas. F. Whitlock.

Report adopted as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANAGE.

The orphanage lies closer to the hearts of a larger number of our people than any other enterprise which we are fostering. It is now only 26 years old and has been as nearly as any institution can be, a mother to over twelve hundred children. It has the facilities for taking care of about three-hundred and eighty children at one time.

It is making an effort to combine the features of a home and a training school. From the beginning it was planned that it should be opened to dependent orphan children who were capable of education and training. At the beginning of the second quarter of a century in its existence we have a plant pretty well equipped for this noble undertaking.

It owns 450 acres of land 175 of which is in a good state of cutlivation. It has ten domitories, a central dining hall, central sewing room and central school building where nine grades are taught. Its arrangements for taking care of the sick are pretty well up to date and the new technical building where Charity and Children is published is now a well equipped and up-to-

date job printing office. It has a good shop which has moved into a new building and added more machinery. The boys are trained and exercised in the printing office, shoe shop, on the truck farm and in the dairy. The girls are trained in housekeeping, cooking and in the sewing room.

A special effort is made to surround the place with atmosphere of culture, refinement and religion. The management reports very satisfactory support this year and comes through practically out of debt. From all sources the receipts for the year have been over $52,000. Some of this has gone into new buildings. It takes about $85 per year to care for each child here. The regular running expense is about 4100 per day.

Your committee recommends that each church in the association be urged to take a collection in its Sunday school one Sunday in each month for the orphanage and that the numbers of the classes be asked to pledge different amounts for each collection, and also that a thanksgiving service be held in each church and an offering taken for the orphanage. We urge also that every Sunday School take a club of Charity Children.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. WHITLOCK.

Report on Foreign Missions by Dr. J. H. Foster, read and submitted Discussed by Dr. Foster.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The field is white unto the harvest. The laborers are ready to go. But how can they go except we send them?

The call of the Master is imperative. The condition of the heathen is pitiful. The results of our labors marvellous. Our indifference is alarming. In the employ of our Board there are 273 missionaries and 531 native helpers., making a total of 804 workers. In North Carolina there are more than 630 Baptist Pastors or nearly three t mes as many as the whole Southe: n Baptist Convention sends to China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy, Brazil and Argentina combined.

The Foreign Mission Board is carrying a debt of $89,600.00 . Upon this and the money borrowed to carry on work, they pay an annual interest of $13,031 or 2 1-2 per cent of the total receipts of the Board.

During the year the Board has sent to the Foreign field $487,481.00. The expenses in Richmond are 6 per cent of the receipts, in the states 3 1-2 per cent and for the interest 2 1- 2per cent.

We should do all in our power to stop the paying of interest—not by decreasing our force on the Foreign field, but by increasing our contributions But give liberally. Thousands give nothing. It is not because they are not Christians but because they are uninformed. We cannot expect them to give to objects about which they know little or nothing.

The Foreign Mission Journal should be put in as many homes as possible. The tracts published by the Board should go into every home. The preachers should inform themselves and then preach missions to their congregations.

Every church should adopt some regular, systematic plan of giving and have it carried out prayerfully and intelligently.

With profound gratitude to God for the blessings that have been upon our work we would pledge ourselves to do our part toward making the year upon which we are just entering the best in the history of our Association.

Respectfuily Submitted,

J. H. FOSTER.

Committee on Time and Place, Preacher for Meeting next year reported as follows: Will meet at Burgaw, first Teusday after second Sunday in October 1912, thus making dates October 15-16 and 17, 1912. Introductory Sermon by Rev. W. G. Hall. Alternate, Rev. Chas. F. Whitlock. Missionary Sermon by Rev. A. C. Chaffin. Alternate Rev. F. A. Lyles.

Committee on application of Riverside Church reported favorable and Church admitted. Collection for Orphanage taken..

Motion by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark that we condense Ministerial and general education. Motion carried.

Dinner announced by Rev. F. A. Lyles.

Motion to adjourn until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional Service began at 1.40 p. m. by Rev. W. G. Hall.

Vice Moderator, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark called Association to order and welcomed Rev. C. E. Edwards of Jones County who made a short talk.

Report on Home Missions read and submitted by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark and after discussion by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark and D. L. Gore, was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The hope of the world is Christianity. "For there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." Foreign Mission is the divine method of giving Christianity to a lost world. But in the last analysis the salvation of America rests upon the enterprise of Home Msisions. No matter what direction the view, whether Panama, Cuba, Isle of Pines, the negro population, the foreign population, our cities, our farms and vilages, our mountains, what is seen is a mighty work. As our land grows in numbers, in wealth, in intelligence, the pressure of the work becomes the greater. More work needs to be done in our cities than ever before. Four gigantic forces are uniting to hinder the work of Home Missions, especially in our large cities, viz: the American saloon; the Roman Catholic Church; the invasion of foreign immigration; and, perhaps the greatest of all the indifference of evangelical Christians.

The divine program of missions includes the entire world. The command is, (Mark 16:15) "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Luke 24:47) beginning at Jerusalem (Matt. 28:20) and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the age." Our Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria are in the United States. Out of about 90,000,000 population in the United States, there are only about 20,000,000 members of evangelical denominations, and of this number something over 5,000,000 are Baptists. Are we not too much neglecting our Jeruslaem, Judea and Samaria? Thirty-one per cent of the people of the South are members of evangelical churches, six per cent are members of the Roman Catholic Church and sixty-three per cent are not members of any church. As long as fifty-eight persons out of every ninety in the United States are not church members, we cannot call this a Christian nation, and as long as sixty-three persons out of every hundred in the South are not members of any church whatsoever, we cannot say that the South is evangelized. The world is asking whether we have a gospel that is strong enough to bring harmony and love where now abides the discord of hate and selfish greed. Southern Baptists must take a large part in saving the lost of America.

A brief reference to the glorious work of our Home Mission Board

shows that during its history over 5,000 churches have been established. More than 300,000 have been added to our churches. The Board last year reported 27,426 baptisms and 52,910 additions to our churches through the labors of missionaries supported wholly or in part by it. No home mission board in America, so far as we can find, had results more than one-third as large, though several expended four times as much in the work. Here in America sin in all its forms is gathering its forces for a terrific assault upon the Christian church. Verily, in the language of another, "Here beats the federed heart of modern civilization, and he who wins that heart holds the key to the centuries."

W. H. RIVENBARK.

Report of Woman's Missionary Union held at Atkinson, N. C., Sept. 13, 1911, and letter from Vice President of the Union read and submitted by Rev. Chas. F. Wihtlock, for the Union discussed by Rev. T. A. Lyles, Rev. B. G. Early and Rev. W. G. Hall. Adopted and ordered placed in the minutes of this Association.

REPORT OF WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The first organized associational meeting of the Women of Wilmington was held on Sept. 13-14, 1911 with the Atkinson Baptist church. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. G. E. Leftwich and led in a series of prayers by several sisters. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. G. E. Leftwich, Associational vice president, Mrs. C. F. Whitlock, Secretary. The address of welcome was delivered by Mrs. J. D. Lewis and responded to by Mrs. C. B. Newcomb. The topic in the first morning session was "How to have a good Missionary Society in the country." The following committees were appointed; on Time and Place of next Meeting, Mrs. Herbert Johnson, Mrs. C. B. Newcomb and Mrs. Addison Hewlett: To report on Training School work for next year: Mrs. J. D Lewis and Mrs. C. F. Whitlock: To report on Margaret Home: Mr. F. J. Dempsy and Mrs. C. D. Weeks: to report on resolutions: Mrs. R. P. Hinton, Mrs. J. D. Lewis and Mrs. S. H. Burt.

In the afternoon meeting Wednesday, the devotional meeting was led by Mrs. C. B. Newcomb,and Mrs. C. F. Whitlock and the following topics were discussed: Why take Mission literature: Tithing: .How the W. M. U. makes us better Christians.

A motion was made urging pastors to put the evnelope system in their churches

The vice president was given the power to appoint three delegates to the Msisionary Institute which meets in Fayettville, Nov. 2.

Dr. Foster preached the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday night.

The Thursday morning meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Dr. Foster. Mrs. Barrus of Raleigh, Corresponding Secretary of Central Committee was introduced and spoke on Woman's Part in State Missions.

The afternoon session was a missionary meeting on Cuba and Canal Zone, conducted by Mrs. J. H. Foster and particpated in by Mrs. Clarke, and Mrs. Muse. The committee on Time and Place reported Wrightsboro as the place and Thursday, Sept. 13, 1912 as the time for the next meeting.

The reports showed that in thirty-six churches of the Association there were sixteen W. M. U., and three Y. W. A's and eight Sunbeam Bands and two Royal Embassadors making a total of twenty-nine societies.

The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. C. F. Whitlock.

MRS. CHAS. F. WHITLOCK.
Secretary.

LADIES' SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES	NAME OF SOCIETY	PRESIDENT	POST
Atkinson	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson
	Sunbeams	Mrs. E. L. Womble	Atkinson
Bethlehem	Woman's M. U.	F. V. Glesson	Currie
Burgaw	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. R. E. Peele	Burgaw
	Sunbeam	Pearle Bowen	Burgaw
Emma's Chapel	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richland
	Sunbeam	Mrs. Anna Daughtry	Richland
Ivanhoe	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe
Jacksonville	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville
	Sunbeams	Miss Etta Freeman	Jacksonville
Long Creek	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. W. H. Turner	Currie
Salt Marsh	Woman's M. U.	Miss Olivia Squires	Currie
Wallace	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. F. P. Powers	Wallace
Watha	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. M. a. Mathews	Watha
Willard	Woman's M. U.	Miss M. L. Powers	Wallace
Wilmington First	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. M. H. P. Clark	Wilmington
	Y. W. A.	Miss Nettie King	Wilmington
	Jr. Y. W A.	Mary Clare Peterson	Wilmington
	Sunbeams	Miss Nellie Pickard	Wilmington
	Royal Embass.	Mrs. Brock	Wilmington
Brooklyn	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. C. F. Whitlock	Wilmington
	Sunbeams	Gaynel Nixon	Wilmington
Southside	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. Ramsey	Wilmington
	Sunbeams	Miss Lottie Fales	Wilmington
Wrightsboro	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. F. P. Dennsy	Wilmington
	Sunbeams	Mrs. G. W. Trask	Wilmington
Masonboro	Woman's M. U.	Mrs. Lucy Beasly	Wilmington
	Sunbeams	Mrs. A. Heewlet	Wilmington

Gentlemen and Brothers:

Having just taken up the work for the Central Committee since the first meeting of our organized W. M. U. work at Atkinson, N. C., Sept. 14-15, I feel I have little to report. Having written to all the Societies tried to get them interested in their last quarters report and begging them to be present at the meeting at Atkinson. I find time up and all the work well in hand. Having been elected their Vice President at this meeting and being elected by the Ladies of the Wilmington Association, I find myself with a wide field of usefulness open before me. All I ask this year is hearty cooperation from the ministers of the Association and the officers of all the Societies.

Yours in the service.

MRS. GEO. E. LEFTWICH,

Assn. Vice President.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submitted by Fev. A. C. Chaffin.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY AND OBITUARIES

Since the organization of the Association eleven years ago, it has made some progress, becoming one of the strong Associations of the State.

Many of those who were bearing a great part of the work at that time have laid the armor down and have gone to their heavenly reward. During the year past the Lord has been exceedingly merciful to us in that he continues to spare so many of us to do his work. However, some of the churches have been visited by the death angel and some of the salt of the earth has been taken away. Among these we mention Rev. Levi Bryant, a member of the Southside church and for forty-one years an ordained minister of the gospel; S. G. Hall, several years a deacon of the Wilmington first church; J. O. Wiggs, deacon of Brooklyn church; T. T. Lockey of Long Creek; Eli Larkins, Deacon of Moores Creek, et. al. We greatly miss these but the Master has said, "It is enough, come up higher."

Submitted,

A. C. CHAFFIN.

Report on Aged Minister Relief by Rev. A. C. Chaffin.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED MINISTER'S RELIEF.

This Board organized at Wilmington in 1890, is now located at Durham. It is composed of nine trustees, who serve as guardians of the fund, and see that no undeserving person gets a donation.. Its function is to furnish aid to the Ministers who have worn out their lives in the cause of the Master, and who have no means of a support. There are many worthy men who get no aid whatever from this Board. These need our sympathy and our help. They should have a place in our hearts and benevolences along with the orphans. The Orphanage and these veterans of the cross should be the two poles of our denominational benevolence.

Last year this Board aided thirty-one Ministers or their widows. The amount given to each ranged from $40 to $200. Owing to the increased cost of living, this was not enough to supply their actual necessities. They must have more. This Association gave to this object last year $104.65 which was $36.89 less than in the previous year. Brethren, let us no more decrease our gifts but rather increase them. Your committee urges that special contributions be made to this object during the month of December.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. CHAFFIN.

Report on Ministerial Education read and submitted by Rev. R. E. Peele. Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele, D. L. Gore and Rev. C. F. Whitlock.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

As education becomes general an education ministry becomes more and more essential.

It is the Church's business to look out fot God-called men and then see that they are fitted and equipt to properly serve the churches.

The Board of Education is the agency under God to properly equip and prepare these men for the work of the ministry.

It is the business of the churches to furnish the wherewith to do this great work. So the responsibility is on us as churches. God is sending us the men and our College is ready to equip them. Will we meet our responsibility?

R. E. PEELE.

Motion by Rev. W. G. Hall that churches not sending Minute Money should receive no minutes. Motion carried.

Moderator announced the following Standing Committee.-

Digest of Church Letters	W. B. Rivenbark
Sunday Schools	F. A. Lyoes.
Home Missions	Dr. J. H. Foster
Foreign Missions	C. F. Whitlock
Orphanage	W. G. Hall
Education, Ministerial and General	A. C. Chaffin
Ministerial Relief	J. H. Beck
Layman's Movement	G. E. Leftwich
Biblical Recorder	R. E. Peele
Woman's Work	J. A. Bryson
Temperance	D. L. Gore
Associational History and Obituary	J. T. Bland
Committee to Arrange Program	W. G. Hall

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Devotional Service by Rev. W. G. Hall. Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

Collection for State Missions.

Association called to order by Vice Moderator.

Digest Clerk's report by H. O. Thomas, read and adopted.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved: That we extend our thanks and appreciation to the Disciple and Methodist brethren for the use of their houses of worship so graciously given us.

Also to the entire town and community for their open homes and sumptuous bounty which we have enjoyed.

W. B. RIVENBARK.
Vice Moderator.

B. F. Garrison, Clerk.

The Association adjourned to meet with Burgaw Church on First Tuesday after the second Sunday in October 1912.

CHURCH STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Value of Church Property.	Increase			Decrease			Present Membership	Males.	Females.	Reported Last year.
		Baptisms.	Letters.	Restored.	Letters.	Exclusion.	Died.				
Atkinson	1500.00	6	5		1			119	50	69	121
Barlow's Chapel	1000.00	8	1	1	2	6	2	27	51	76	125
Bear Branch		4	4		1	5					59
Bethlehem	800.00				3			142	62	80	151
Burgaw	4000.00	1			24		1	102	40	62	125
Canteuck	400.00	30	2	2	3			143	73	70	100
Castle Hayne											
Caswell	800.00				2			51	21	30	53
Catherine Lake											
Centreville	3000.00					2		70	30	40	
Emma's Chapel	800.00	1	3			2		81	33	48	79
Harmony	600.00							77	29	48	76
Haw Bluff	450.00		5	1	3	2	2	97	35	62	98
Ivanhoe	600.00	1	1		1		1	48	22	26	49
Jacksonville	2500.00	2	5			4	1	52	17	35	50
Long Creek											104
Masonboro	1000.00	8	2		4			115	44	71	122
Moore's Creek	500.00	2	1				2	104	50	54	102
Mount Holly		2			5		3	104	39	65	108
Olive Branch	2500.00	10	11	1	3	1		105	46	59	87
Olivet	1000.00		1					49	19	30	53
Providence	300.00							23	8	15	23
Riley's Creek	800.00		2				2	111	43	68	117
Riverside Chapel	1000.00	10	30					40	18	22	
Salem	300.00	2		1	3	1	1	47	13	34	47
Salt Marsh	200.00	2		1	1		1	57	22	35	52
Shiloh	1000.00						1	133	54	89	136
Tar Landing											
Teacheys	3000.00	7		1	3			155	80	75	
Wallace		6	3		4		2	194	88	106	190
Watha	750.00		3		1		1	39	19	20	38
Well's Chapel				4		7	3	246	107	139	242
Willard	1000.00				1	1		101	34	67	99
Wilmington-First	57500.00	37	93		13	2	4	1002	416	586	891
Brooklyn		17	36	3	44		5	331	140	191	332
Southside	4500.00	10	39	4	20	4	3	*370	130	240	344
Wrightsboro	2500.00	1	3				2	46	20	26	42

*32 of this number are on what is known as the inactive list, because of a revision of the church roll.

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's Relief.	Sunday Schools.	Minute fund.
Atkinson								1.00
Barlow's Chapel	25.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	7.50		2.00
Bethlehem								
Bear Branch	2.50	1.30		2.50		1.70	2.50	50
Burgaw								1.50
Canetuck								1.50
Caswell								50
Catherine Lake								
Castle Haynes								
Emma's Chapel								1.00
Centerville								1.00
Harmony								
Haw Bluff								20
Long Creek								
Jacksonville								2.00
Masonboro								1.50
Moore's Creek								
Mount Holly								1.00
Olive Branch								1.50
Olivett	5.00	1.50	5.00					50
Providence	1.00	.25		1.00	.30			.20
Riley's Creek								
Salt Marsh	3.00	3.00	3.55					1.00
Shiloh	4.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00		
Salem								
Tar Heel								.50
Teacheys								2.00
Wallace								2.00
Well's Chapel								
Willard	6.34	7.00	9.00	7.75		3.00	1.00	
Wilmington First								5.00
" Brooklyn								2.00
" Southside								2.00
Ivanhoe	.75	1.21	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.00
Watha								
Wrightsboro								1.00
Total	47.59	25.26	43.64	37.25	8.00	15.50	4.50	32.55

Amount charged Treasurer.....$184.27

C. R. CASKETT,
W. B. HUMPHREY,
W. D. RHODES,
Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	Sunday School Expenses	Poor.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Sunday school Missions.	Orphanage.	College and Schools.	Ministerial Education.	Minister's Relief.	Minute fund.	Other objects	Total.
Atkinson	135.00		26.00	12.00		16.74	18.99	23.89	5.00	10.00	100.00	3.00	3.00	1.00		354.62
Barlow's Chapel	100.00	95.00	20.82	10.00		25.00	10.00	20.00		21.50		5.00	7.50	2.00	72 00	388.82
Bear Branch	75.00			2.00		5.00	2.00	5.00		2.00			1.00	.50		92.50
Bethlehem	150.00			8.00		12.80	11.20	9.00	2.00	11.45		5.00	5.00			214.45
Burgaw	250.00	118.00	25.00	28.00	30.50	20.00	10.00	50.00	5.00	15.00		10.00		1.50	5.00	568.00
Canetuck	112.50					10.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	10.00		5.00	7.50	1.50	71.52	235.02
Castle Hayne																
Caswell	96.00			4.10		2.19	2.59	1.34	1.29	3.32		1.29	1.08	.30		113.50
Catherine Lake																
Emma's Chapel	200.00	1332.74		40.00		15.00	7.50	27.39		12.00		5.00	3.00	1.00		1643.63
Centerville	150.00		2.00	12.00	7.00	12.32	7.42	10.00						1.00	46.35	248.09
Harmony						4.00	1.00	4.00		5.00			1.00			15.00
Haw Bluff	100.00	11.75	43.52	5.55		5.00	5.00	5.00		8.22		2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	192.04
Ivanhoe	100.00	100.00		9.21	20.40	3.25	3.00	7.53	1.00	19.00		2.00	2.00	1.00	5.00	273.39
Jacksonville	300.00	6.50	189.66	40.12		26.31	25.16	21.28	5.25	49.10		4.50	5.00	2.00		674.88
Long Creek																
Masonboro	153.15	100.00	12.00	15.00	22.47	15.00	12.50	20.00	2.00	25.00		5.00	7.50	1.50	55.15	446.27
Moore's Creek	60.00				7.34	5.00	2.00	5.00	.50	6.00		1.50	2.00		25.00	114.34
Mount Holly	50.00					15.00	3.50	6.00						1.00	12.00	87.50
Olive Branch	150.00	917.45	9.80	35.23		6.25	2.00	10.00		19.91		1.00	1.00	1.65	25.00	1179.29
Olivett	30.00	10.00	7.00							5.50						52.50
Providence	30.00					1.00	.25			1.00			.30	.25		32.80
Riley's Creek	150.00			15.00		8.00	6.00	6.00		8.00						193.00
River Side Chapel	50.00	200.00				26.00				5.00				1.00	21.27	297.27
Salem	60.00	92.30	29.26			4.00	1.00	1.00				1.00	1.00	.53	1.00	191.09
Salt Marsh	65.00		16.35	4.00		3.00	3.00	3.00	1.15	2.00	1.00	.90	2.00	1.00	1.00	103.40
Shiloh	120.00			10.00		10.00	2.00	25.00		10.00		1.00	2.00			180.00
Tar Landing																
Teachey	180.00			18.00		65.00	10.00	10.00			5.00		5.00	2.00	60.00	355.00
Wallace	250.00	1130.80	80.00	34.39	15.00	25.00	15.00	16.66		53.50		2;.00	10.00	2.00	100.00	1752.35
Watha	100.00			8.00		3.00	3.00	5.00		5.00			1.00			125.00
Well's Chapel	175.00			7.88		15.00	10.00	55.00	3.00	25.00		5.00	10.00			305.88
Willard	108.00		62.00	18.00		10.00	7.00	12.00	1.00	12.00			3.00			233.00
Wilmington First	3000.00	1911.41	2084.70	180.48	245.16	361.00	742.00	498.00	9.20	297.92	292.00	100.00		5.00	1563.36	11290.23
Brooklyn	1200.00	458.11	304.11		48.57	110.00	165.00	50.00	5.18	187.70		10.00	30.00	2.00	45.00	2615.67
Southside	1100.00	399.30	109.67	71.05	20.75	50.00	100.00	50.00	5.00	171.47		10.00	10.00	2.20	231.10	2330.54
Wrightsboro	150.00	1000.00	3.25	31.71		10.00	10.05	10.50	3.49	10.61			3.00	1.00	8.00	1241.61
1911	8949.65	7883.35	3025.14	619.72	417.19	893.86	120316	977.59	52.06	1012.20	398.00	198.19	125.08	34.93	2349.75	28149.68
1910	8527.11	4629.16	2286.34	995.07	122.47	131575	513.07	975.63	59.87	796.40	300.00	240.56	104.65	30.97	575.17	21474.72
Increase	422.54	3254.19	738.80		294.72		690.09	1.96		215.80	98.00		21.23	3.96	1774.58	6665.96
Decrease				375.35		421.89			7.81			42.37				

Total Increase.....$6665.96
Total Decrease..... 847.42

Net Increase for 1911 over 1910.....$5817.54

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

SCHOOL.	SUPT.	SECRETARY.	POST-OFFICE.	Baptisms from School.	Average Attendance	Months Open	Papers and Quarterlies taken	Library Volumes	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars	Total in School.
Atkinson	W. H. Lewis	A. H. Costin	Atkinson	3	75	12	240		1	8	106	114
Barlow's Chapel	James Andrews	Miss Bertha Thompson	Sloop Point		35	12	34		1	5	50	55
Bear Branch												
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith		Currie		35	12	65	80		5	55	60
Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	W. C. Dicksey	Burgaw	1	60	12			1	8	75	83
Canetuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Clyde Jordan	Currie	18	24	12			1	6	56	62
Castle Hayne												
Caswell	W. D. Malpass	Miss Mattie Malpass	Currie		23	12	42		1	6	36	42
Catherine Lake												
Centerville	L. H. Vollers	L. M. Porter	Kelly			12			1	8		
Emma's Chapel	W. E. Taylor	A. F. Barber	Richlands	1	30	12		80	1	8	30	38
Harmony	J. L. Costin		Ivanhoe		30	12	90			6	55	61
Haw Bluff	J. B. Rooks	G. V. Russ	Ivanhoe		30	12	40		1	5	45	50
Ivanhoe	J. C. Moore	C. W. Harrell	Ivanhoe		27	12	70		1	5	61	66
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey	R. P. Stinton	Jacksonville	2	40	12	128		1	7	57	64
Long Creek												
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	Miss Nettie Beasley	Wilmington	8	60	12	90		1	5	93	98
Moore's Creek												
Mount Holly	M. W. Gurganisus		Watha				40		1	5	38	43
Olive Branch	A. L. Vann	J. F. Baggett	Sea Gate		56	12			1	8	70	78
Olivett	F. C. Shepard	A. S. Lane	Rocky Point		20	12	25		1	7	33	40
Providence												
Riley's Creek	W. W. Larkins		Rocky Point		35	12	60		1	6	52	58
Riverside chapel	E. F. Batson		Burgaw	10	50	12			1	6	57	63
Salem	J. E. Robinson	A. B. Yopp	Sneed's Ferry	2	24	6	168		1	6	40	46
Salt Marsh	J. H. Squires	M. P. Peterson	Nat Moore		26	12	36		1	6	48	54
Shiloh	J. J. Borey		Ivanhoe		25	12	45		1	4	30	34
Tar Landing												
Teachey	Frank Sloan	Miss Ruth Wilson	Teachey	2	75	12	50		2	8	100	108
Wallace	J. H. Jeffries	A. Dempsey-Wallace	Willard		70	12	208		1	8	130	138
Watha	C. F. Mathews		Watha		35	12	50		1	6	50	56
Well's Chapel	L. R. Highsmith	Rumas Hall	Kerr		50	12	77		1	6		
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark	Miss Callie Wells	Willard		50	12	95		1	5	70	75
Wilmington												
First	C. E. Leftwich	Edgar Child	Wilmington	20	301	12	600		1	33	492	525
Brooklyn	S. F. Garrison	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	6	156	12	270		1	18	240	258
Southside	A. F. Walton	J. H. Curtis	Wilmington	6	120	12	297		1	12	150	126
Wrightsboro	F. J. Dempsey	L. Bragdon	Wilmington		40	12			1	5		

CHURCHES	NAME OF SOCIETY	PRESIDENT	POST-OFFICE	Number Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Orphanage.	Pastors' Salary.	Other Objects.	Colleges and Schools.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.
Atkinson	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson		3.65	10.77	13.10						
Atkinson	Y. L. M. S.	Miss Katie Smith	Atkinson				.50						
	B. Y. P. U.	Marshall Cobb	Atkinson	32									
	Sunbeams	Miss Katie Smith	Atkinson	38	1.09	.72	.29						
Bethlehem	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. Florence Gliss	Currie	15	2.80								
Burgaw	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. R. E. Peele	Burgaw	19			12.93						
Emma's	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	11			8.50						
Chapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. Annie Daughtry	Richlands	28			11.37						
Ivanhoe	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe	13			2.53						
Jacksonville	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	12	2.40	14.93	6.80						
	Sunbeams	Miss Etta Freeman	Jacksonville	24	1.41	3.23	6.98						
Masonboro	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Wilmington	15	6.00	7.00	12.00						
	Sunbeams	Mrs. Addison Hewlett	Wilmington	40	2.62		6.00						
Wallace	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. F. P. Powers	Wallace	20									
	Sunbeams	Miss Alice Hussey	Wallace	54									
Watha	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. M. A. Rivenbark.	Watha	18									
Willard	Woman's M. S.	Miss M. L. Powers	Wallace						8.00				
Wilmington													
First	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. M. H. P. Clark	Wilmington	84	185.62	185.63	247.52			18.00			10.10
"	Y. W. A.	Miss Nettie King	Wilmington	46	46.48	58.18	61.98			2.00	40.00		41.00
"	B. Y. P. U.	C. B. Newcombe	Wilmington	68									39.31
"	Sunbeams	Miss Mary Huey	Wilmington	25	2.80	2.70	3.35			1.00			
"	United workers	Mrs. C. J. Kellsway	Wilmington	75								74.00	6.20
"	Jr. Y. W. A.	Miss Mary C. Peterson	Wilmington	21	7.50	7.50	15.00			.30			
Brooklyn	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. C. F. Whitlock	Wilmington	91	55.00	45.12	25.00						3.87
"	B. Y. P. U.	F. A. Cashewll	Wilmington	26								10.00	
"	Sunbeams	Miss Gaynesll Nixon	Wilmington	27									1.25
Southside	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. C. B. Davis	Wilmington	36				25.00					
"	Willing workers	Mrs. Ophelia Ramsey	Wilmington	30				29.18					
"	B. Y. P. U.	J. W. Russ	Wilmington	26									
"	Sunbeams	Miss Lottie Fales	Wilmington	15									
Wrightsboro	Woman's M. S.	Mrs. F. J. Dempsey	Wil. R. F. D1	14	2.50	3.00	2.50						3.00
	Sunbeams	Mrs. G. W. Trask	Wil. r. f. d.-1	38	1.95	2.05	1.50						.25

PLEDGES

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Minister's Relief	Sunday School Missions
Atkinson	12.00	7.50	10.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	5.00
Barlow's Chapel	25.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	5.00	7.50	2.00
Bethlehem	10.00	11.20	9.00	10.00	5.00	2.50	2.00
Bear Branch	5.00	2.00	5.00	2.00		1.00	
Burgaw	40.00	10.00	50.00	20.00	7.50		5.00
Canetuck	10.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	7.50	2.00
Caswell	3.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	3.75	2.00
Catherine Lake						1.00	
Castle Haynes			2.00	2.00			
Emma's Chapel	12.50	8.50	7.50	12.00	3.00	1.00	4.00
Centerville	5.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	1.00	2.50	1.00
Harmony	10.00	2.00	8.00	5.00		1.00	1.00
Haw Bluff	5.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	2.00	
Long Creek		7.50	12.00	5.00	5.00	2.00	1.50
Jacksonville	22.50	7.00	7.50	12.00	4.50	5.00	5.25
Masonboro	15.00	12.50	20.00	25.00	5.00	7.50	
Moore's Creek	10.00	5.00	10.00	15.00	3.00	5.00	1.00
Mt. Holly	5.00	5.00	5.50	7.50	1.00	2.00	1.00
Olive Branch	5.00	2.00	10.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	
Olivett	5.00	2.50	5.00	7.50	1.00	1.00	
Providence							
Riley's Creek	12.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	3.00	3.00	1.00
Salt Marsh		1.00	1.00	1.00	.50	.50	.50
Shiloh	10.00	2.00	25.00	10.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Salem							
Tar Landing							
Teachey	35.00	10.00	10.00	35.00	5.00	5.00	
Wallace	25.00	15.00	15.00	25.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Well's Chapel	15.00	10.00	55.00	25.00	5.00	10.00	3.00
Willard	10.00	7.00	12.00	12.00		3.00	1.00
Wilmington—First	500.00	400 00	600.00	250.00	50.00	25.00	25.00
Brooklyn	50.00	50.00	50.00	200.00	10.00	25.00	5.00
Southside	50.00	40.00	50.00	65.00	10.00	10.00	5.00
Watha	3.00	3.00	5.00	5.00		1.00	
Ivanhoe	2.00	3.00	5.00	10.00	2.00	2.00	1.00
Wrightsboro	5.00	.50	5.00	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

Historical Table of the Wilmington Baptist Association from its Organization.

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR	CLERKS.	ANNUAL SERMON
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teachey	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McCaughan
1906	Wilmington, Brooklyn Church	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale
1908	Wallace	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	Rev. G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.

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OF THE

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

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OCTOBER FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWELVE

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Twelfth Annual Session

OF

The Wilmington Association

HELD WITH

Burgaw Church

BURGAW, N. C.

October 15 and 16, 1912

For Next Session: Place of Meeting, Teachey, N. C., Tuesday After Second Sunday in October, 1913

Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Alternate, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark. Missionary Sermon, Rev. R. E. Peele. Alternate, Rev. A. C. Chafin.

1913
Wilmington Stamp and Printing Company
Wilmington, N. C.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Moderator	Geo. E. Leftwich	Wilmington, N. C.
Vice-Moderator	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey, N. C.
Clerk	S. F. Garrison	Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer	F. P. Powers	Wallace, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

John Mashburn,	D. L. Gore,	R. P. Hinton,
G. E. Leftwich,	F. P. Powers,	C. R. Corbett.

MINISTERIAL REGISTER.

The following is a list of ministers who are members of this Association, with their addresses:

Alexander, M. O.	Wilmington	Hall, R. J.	Kerr
Baker, T. J.	Stedman	Hall, W. G.	Wilmington
Barnes, W. H.	Delway	Hilburn, R. M.	Bladenboro
Beck, J. H.	Sloop Point	Hocut, J. D.	Ashton
Booth, J. H.	Magnolia	Mizzell, J. C.	Winnabow
Carter, A. D.	Garland	Moore, W. G.	Birdville
Campbell, W. P.	Jacksonville	Peele, R. E.	Burgaw
Chafin, A. C.	Seagate	Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey
Foster, J. H.	Wilmington	Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and disrtess, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's word.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.*

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a letter through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

ART. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the business of the second day of the session. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

ART. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of this Association.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14. By Appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderrator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session and previous of the proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.
10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration
13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the Roll of Churches and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
11. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twelfth Annual Session

OF

The Wilmington Association

October 15 and 16, 1912.

Burgaw, N. C., October 15, 1912.

Association met with Burgaw church at 10:15 a. m.
Devotional service by Rev. C. M. Beach, of Dell school.
Session called to order 10:30 a. m., and the following delegates enrolled:

Atkinson—Letter.
Barlows Chapel—H. R. Atkinson.
Bethlehem—A. L. Pridgen.
Bear Branch—W. H. White.
Burgaw—H. I. Bowen, J. T. Bland, J. L. Harrell.
Conetuck—A. J. Applewhite, R. D. Pridgen.
Casewell—L. Glisson.
Catherine Lake—J. R. Marshburn.
Centerville—Letter.
Emma's Chapel—W. A. Taylor.
Harmony—G. A. White.
Haw Bluff—Letter.
Ivanhoe—A. Sellars, C. R. Corbett.
Jacksonville—A. G. Walton, Mrs. R. P. Hinton.
Long Creek—J. S. Devane, J. H. Brinson.
Masonboro—Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—N. R. Croom.
Mt. Holly—A. Carroll, W. M. Gurganus.
Olive Branch—Letter.
Olivett—R. M. Mix, Walter Shepard.
Providence—Letter.
Riley's Creek—W. T. Harrison, I. B. Scott, L. L. Mason.
Riverside—L. Corbett, E. T. Batson, R. E. Batts.
Salt Marsh—J. H. Squires.
Shiloah—J. E. Kenan, G. C. Malpass, G. F. Devane.
Salem—Letter.
Tar Landing—Letter.
Teachey's—J. E. Page, F. Savage, R. L. Teachey.
Wallace—F. P. Powers, J. F. Dixon, A. E. Croom.
Watha—A. T. Rooks, Miss Pearl Moore, Zara Lee Moore.
Well's Chapel—R. C. Bland.
Willard—W. T. Bowen, S. P. Warrell, J. A. Rose.
Wrightsboro—P. H. Rasberry.
Wilmington, First—B. F. Keith, W. A. Walker, Mr. Deens.
Wilmington, Brooklyn—Mrs. J. A. M. McDougal, Mrs. S. F. Garrison, Miss Ida Murrell.
Wilmington, Southside—Letter.

Association elected the following officers for the ensuing term:
Moderator—G. E. Leftwich (re-elected), Wilmington, N. C.
Vice-Moderator—W. B. Rivenbark (re-elected), Teachey, N. C.
Clerk—S. F. Garrison (re-elected), Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer—F. P. Powers, Wallace, N. C.

Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance, J. E. Page, W. A. Walker, N. R. Croom. Devotional, pastor and deacons of Burgaw church. To make Sunday school report, C. E. McCullen, E. L. Middleton.

Dr. J. H. Foster reported that Castle Hayne church had been absorbed by First church of Wilmington.

On motion of Rev. J. A. Sullivan, the name of Castle Hayne church was erased from the roll until such time as the members desired to re-organize.

Moderator welcomed visitors: Rev. J. I. Page and E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh; also Rev. G. A. Martin, of Thomasville, N. C.

Introductory sermon by Rev. W. G. Hall, of Southside. Subject: "The Praying Church."

Moderator introduced Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Rev. M. O. Alexander and Rev. Von Miller, of Wilmington; Rev. W. H. Barnes, of Dellway, and Rev. R. M. Hilburn, of Badenboro.

The following committees were appointed:
Temperance—Rev. W. H. Barnes.
Education—Rev. R. E. Peele.

Session adjourned until 2 p. m.

Report on "Biblical Recorder" submitted by Rev. R. E. Peele.

Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele and Rev. J. G. Page.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The *Recorder* is a religious newspaper and about as good as there is, but not so good that it might not be made better. What we desire is to forget the things that are behind and press forward to something better.

The religious newspaper should be a continuation of the book of "Acts of the Apostles." The Bible itself was the religious newspaper of its day and generation. It ought to be the most instructive, the most interesting and the most inspiring newspaper in the world. There ought to be something in it for every member of the family. It should be so indispensable in the home that no member of the household could afford to get along without it. It should be so generally read as to be worn out with service, and so well read as not to need preserving. Its contents should be the principle subject of conversation, and the fellow that does not read it should be an outcast. In other words: The paper should be so indispensable that no one but an outcast would neglect it.

This is not all, it ought also be in demand by those who are without it: That is, it should compel the attention of the outside world. Current events that have a moral in them should be recorded and discussed. Important questions in church and state should be so presented as to give the people an intelligent conception of the issues before them. A self-governing people ought to know what is going on and whether or not it ought to go on. The people should know their leaders are leading—whether they are servants or grafters. The acts of public officials should be kept in the limelight, and they should be required to give an account of their stewardship.

Every religious newspaper should have, besides a managing editor, a strong force of contributing editors. It takes heart, brain and money, and all without stint, to make a vital religious newspaper. Every department of the paper ought to have an editor who is up on his job; alive and wide-

awake. Editorials should be generally brief. Occasionally long and always with a purpose. If I were an editor, I would discuss such subjects as: "Religion and the Business Man." "Religion and the Lawyer." "Religion and the Doctor." "Religion and the Banker." "Religion and the Farmer." "Religion and the Railroad Man." "Religion and the School Teacher." "Religion and the Preacher." I would ask questions like these: "What have I to do with Jesus?" "Am I my brother's keeper?" "Is the Golden Rule practicable?" "How can I Live peaceably with all men?" "What means: 'Bless them that curse you?'" "What means: 'Be not overcome of Evil, but Overcome Evil with Good?'"

A religious newspaper should be owned, as far as possible, by its patrons. Every subscriber, so far as possible, should be induced to take stock in it. A share should be only $5.00, and no one should be allowed to take more than two hundred shares. The stock subscribed should not be less than $500,000. This would put it on a solid money basis. This would give us a religious newspaper of the people, by the people and for the people and, necessarily, progressive—first, last and all the time.

Finally, the paper should be put in every home at any cost, and the above conditions met would make it possible, because every stockholder would be an agent.

R. E. Peele.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service, 2 p. m., by Rev. M. O. Alexander.

Moderator called meeting to order at 2:15 p. m.

Committees announced as follows:

Place of Next Meeting and Preacher—A. L. Pridgen, M. O. Alexander, C. R. Corbett.

To nominate Executive Committee—W. G. Hall, C. E. McCullen, J. D. Hocutt.

Report on Sunday schools submitted by E. E. McCullen. Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele, E. L. Middleton, Rev. M. O. Alexander, J. T. Bland, G. E. Leftwich, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

Report adopted as read.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find authority for Sunday schools in God's word. The fact that a Sunday school with good organization, equipment and teaching is sure to become efficient in winning souls for God and in developing them for His use is evidence of God's favor. The reason is not far to see. God could not expect us to work intelligently and successfully for him without knowing His will concerning us, and the Sunday school affords the best of opportunities for teaching the Word.

The Sunday school work in the state is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905, we have grown from 1,290 school, to 1,858 in 1911; a gain of 568, or 44 per cent in six years. Since Marchs 1912, about seventy new schools have been organized. It is probable a few of the old ones have been discontinued. During the same six years, the membership has grown from 104,534 to 174,384; a gain of 69,750, or 67 per cent. There now seems to be about 125 churches without schools. It seems it is practically impossible to secure schools in some of these. The Normal training is exceedingly hopeful. Nearly 2,000 were enrolled in North Carolina during the last Southern Baptist convention year.

The special campaign for this work is now on. An effort is being made to enlist at least 1,200 during September and October.

The church membership of this Association in 1911 was 4,659, and the Sunday school membership was 2,858. This makes only 61 in Sunday schools for every 100 in our churches. The ratio in the whole state was 76 to 100. To reach this average would give us 700 more in the Sunday schools. Surely we ought to try to make at least this gain next year.

As a policy for next year we would recommend the following:

1 A vigorous campaign to enlist more of our church members and others not reached by the Sunday school. A religious census will greatly aid in this.

2. The organization of Normal classes for the training of our officers and teachers.

3. The co-operation with other associations in supporting Sunday school missions by taking in our Sunday schools at least one collection a year for this object.

4. More definite plans for making our schools evangelistic.

These ought to become great soul-saving agencies.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. McCULLEN.

Report of Womans' Missionary Union submitted by Rev. M. O. Alexander. Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele. Adopted as read and ordered placed in minutes of this Association.

REPORT OF THE WOMANS' MISSIONARY UNION OF THE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 12, 1912.

The second organized Associational meeting was held at Wrightsboro Baptist church September 12, 1912.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. George E. Leftwich, and Miss Myrtle Lee Stephens, the newly elected secretary, was called to the table. The words of welcome by the pastor, Mr. M. O. Alexander and by Mrs. F. J. Dempsey, president of the Womans' Missionary society was responded to by Mrs. E. P. Brock.

The devotional exercises of the morning were led by Miss Myra Jordan, of Laurenburg, and after the roll call of societies, we found twenty-two societies represented and forty delegates present, just twice as large as the year before, and the interest manifested in arranging the program was marvelous, and those taking a part did so with a vim.

The paper on "Responsibility of the Womans' Missionary Society for Junior Societies" by Mrs. B. T. Hopkins and read by Mrs. Hanby, also Mrs. J. F. Littleton's paper on the "Expense Fund, its Needs and Use," and Mrs. Addison Hewlett's on the "Ministry of Literature," and the report on the "Benefits of the Institute," by Mrs. J. H. Johnson; also Mrs. S. H. Burtt's report on "Obituaries;" "City Mission Work," by Miss Nettie King, a discussion on the needs in our society, "How to measure Up to the Standard of Excellence," by Miss Allye White. Appointing committees and the sweet songs by Miss Lila Keith closed the morning service.

The evening session devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Hanby. Subject: "Faithfulness." This session was devoted to Y. W. A., Sunbeam and Royal Ambassador work. Miss Ellen Graham, of Raleigh, secretary of the State Y. W. A. work spoke on "The Past, the Present and Future," and also projected the promotion plan.

The discussion of "The Greatest Need in My Own Society," "Presentation of the Associational Standard of Excellence," by the vice-president,

and Mrs. J. H. Lewis' report on the "Training School;" Miss Myra Jordan's on "What The Training School Did for Me;" also Mrs. J. A. Sullivan's paper on "Foreigners and the Future and the Past." Miss Fannie Holden and Mrs. J. A. Carroll on "Sunbeam Work," followed by "Little Missionaries" by Elizabeth Kelly and George Leftwich, Jr.; the report on the "Margaret Home" by Miss Marion Allen; Mrs. E. P. Brock's paper on "The Judson Centennial and What it Means," and last, but by no means least, "The Royal Ambassadors,"the newest of our work, presented their work by Mr. Marion Keith and all eight of the boys sang their song, "The King's Business."

This feature, while new, made many feel that we had even a larger future before us, and greater responsibilities than ever.

This finished our evening session.

Committees were appointed, and with Mr. J. A. Sullivan, of Brooklyn Baptist church, to preach our mission sermon at night, closed one of the greatest days ever experienced by the women of the Wilmington Association.

MYRTLE LEE STEPHENS,
Corresponding Secretary.

SOCIETIES.

CHURCHES	SOCIETY	PRESIDENT	POST OFFICE	No. Members
Atkinson	W. M. S	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson, N. C	14
Atkinson	Y. W. A	Miss Katie Smith	Atkinson, N. C	10
Atkinson	Sunbeams	Mrs. Womble	Atkinson, N. C	25
Bethlehem	W. M. S	Miss Florence Glisson	Currie, N. C	15
Burgaw	W. M. S	Mrs. R. E. Peele	Burgaw, N. C	19
Burgaw	Sunbeams			
Emma's Chapel	W. M. S	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richland, N. C	11
Emma's Chapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. Annie Daughtery	Richland, N. C	30
Ivanhoe	W. M. S	Mrs. J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe, N. C	10
Jacksonville	W. M. S	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville, N. C	15
Jacksonville	Sunbeams	Miss Etta Freeman	Jacksonville, N. C	25
Long Creek	W. M. S	ASLEEP.		
Salt Marsh	W. M. S	ASLEEP.		
Wallace	W. M. S	Mrs. F. P. Powers	Wallace, N. C	20
Wallace	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. W. Carroll	Wallace, N. C	50
Masonboro	W. M. S	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Wilmington, N. C	15
Masonboro	Y. W. A	Mrs. A. D. Hewlett	Wilmington, N. C	18
Masonboro	Sunbeams	Miss Lena Herring	Wilmington, N. C	45
Watha	W. M. S	Mrs. M. A. Rivenbark	Watha, N. C	15
Watha	Sunbeams	Miss Pearl Moore	Watha, N. C	New
Willard	W. M. S	Miss Mary L. Powers	Willard, N. C	10
Brooklyn	W. M. S	Mrs. J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington, N. C	20
Brooklyn	Sunbeams	Mrs. S. F. Garrison	Wilmington, N. C	25
Wilmington, First	W. M. S	Mrs. C. D. Bell	Wilmington, N. C	100
Wilmington, First	Y. W. A	Mrs. E. P. Brock	Wilmington, N. C	58
Wilmington, First	Y. W. A. Jr	Miss Mary Clair Peterson	Wilmington, N. C	14
Wilmington, First	Sunbeams	Miss Nettie King	Wilmington, N. C	19
Wilmington, First	R. A	Mr. Julian Keith	Wilmington, N. C	15
Southside	W. M. S	Mrs. C. D. Davis	Wilmington, N. C	20
Southside	Willing Workers or Y. W. A			
Wrightsboro	W. M. S	Mrs. J. F. Dempsey	Wilmington, N. C	12
Wrightsboro	Sunbeams		Wilmington, N. C	25
Riley's Creek	W. M. S	Miss Emma Mahn	Rocky Point, N. C	12
Riley's Creek	Sunbeams		Rocky Point, N. C	35
Seagate	W. M. S	Miss Mary Bryant	City	14
Seagate	Sunbeams	Miss Lena Johnson	City	50
Delgado	W. M. S	Mrs. Scott	City	12
Delgado	Sunbeams	Mrs. C. B. Newcomb	City	25
Riverside Chapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. E. J. Batson	Burgaw	15

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 12, 1912.

It gives me great pleasure today to report my year's work.

Our motto for this past year was "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God," and by the united efforts of the women and the hearty co-operation of the pastors of the churches of the Wilmington Association, makes this the largest and best year's work ever done by the women.

On taking this work, I found twenty-nine societies; three Y. W. A.'s and eight Sunbeams, and today, September 12, 1912, I report 19 W. M. U., 4 Y. W. A., 14 Sunbeams and 1 Royal Ambassador; making a total of 38 societies on roll, and there are five on the "sleeping list," which are there for the want of leaders.

I have visited thirteen societies, one institute, two associations other than our own. Held one open meeting, attended State Union at Monroe, N. C., and traveled in all 875 miles; talked to 1,300 women and children, boys and girls. I have written for the Associational year 241 letters, 48 postal cards, and sent out 30 little remembrances (in the way of post cards); have given much help in leaflets and have bought Mission study books, hoping that in this way I may yet inspire our leaders to be posted leaders and eager for more mission knowledge. I attended one Fifth Sunday meeting in June at Watha. Have had 73 personal visits from women of our Association regarding associational work, and I have tried to inspire and encourage the young and the old, the boys and the girls. Have never lost an opportunity to get in all the personal service I found anywhere, and find several women of other faiths working in W. M. U. work today as the fruits of this work.

With the help of the acting secretary of the Association this past year and the kindness of Miss Stephens, a stenographer, the work was made possible to be handled this well.

With myself for service, and $59.75 of my means, I beg to leave this report in your hands.

Our aim for the year, $1,250.00, has been reached, for which I wish to thank all the societies, and with our motto "Larger and Better Service" for 1913, I am sure we will make the aim $1,300.00, as the state asks of us.

I want three new societies next year, an associational Y. W. A. helper and $1,400.00 as our associational aim, and a womans meeting at each Fifth Sunday meeting.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. GEORGE E. LEFTWICH,
Associational Vice-President.

THE EXPENSE FUND, ITS NECESSITY AND USE.

The money necessary to carry on the work of the central committee of the Womans' Missionary Union, before the Union asked for the special tax, had to be taken from our state mission offering, which, of course, decreased the offering that was so much needed in the destitute sections of the state, so the central committee conferred together and decided to ask the societies to give at least ten cents per member, said amount to be forwarded to the treasurer of the Womans' Missionary Union in the month of May of each year; the money to be used in defraying the expenses of said Union, and to be called the "Expense Fund."

It is vitally necessary that we contribute, through our societies, to this fund and it is but a small thing that we can do to help this noble band of women to carry on, with efficiency, the work they have undertaken for the glory and honor of our Lord and Master, and the hastening of His kingdom.

Some societies, not thinking it wise to assess each member, pay the ten cents per head from the due fund, and it matters not to the central committee how you arrange for the payment of the tax, as that is left entirely with the individual society, but it does matter if we neglect to pay it, for it will greatly hinder the progress of the work. If you will go to Raleigh, and to the Biblical Recorder building, in room 102 you will find the headquarters of the central committee of the Womans' Missionary Union. Miss Blanch Barrus, corresponding secretary of the Union, will meet and welcome you. The Union employs Miss Barrus for her full time, which is very necessary to the work. Now for the work: Miss Barrus receives a salary, which is also necessary as she has to live the same as you and I, so you see this is one of the needs, which are many, for the "Expense Fund." Then there is the expense of stationery and postage for the many letters sent out by the officers of the Union to the societies, and there is also the printing of letters and programs for the special offerings and days. It is also necessary during the year for our officers to travel, as they have to attend Associations and Womans' Minssionary institutes in different sections of the state, besides making necessary visits to sleeping societies. I have only mentioned a few of the needs of the "Expense Fund," and you can readily see that they are many and necessary.

Some one has said, "I don't believe in this expense fund, what is it for?" That is the reason, sisters, that you don't believe in it, you are ignorant of the work, and I say that if we believe in any part of mission work, we are bound to believe in every part of it, and if we don't believe in every part of it, there is something wrong with us, and not with the work. Let each one of us not forget this call, so that the present expense may be paid and some left; so that more laborers may be put in the field.

Ours is a great field,
White for the harvest.
So let's every one be up and doing now,
Not wait for the morrow.

CORA C. LITTLETON.

NEXT MEETING.

Time: Second Thursday in September.
Place: Wallace, N. C.

Suggestion as to Ways and Means: That the women hold a meeting every fifth Sunday in connection with the Union, and that the expense of the Associational vice-president be paid by the society of the church at which it meets, and that each society in the Association send a collection each year to the secretary of the Association to help pay the expense of the vice-president to the State Convention and other places where she might be called. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. R. HANBY, Chairman,
MISS MARY LOU POWERS,
MRS. J. A. SULLIVAN.

Be It Resolved: That we thank the leaders and officers of the Union for making it possible for us to have this delightful session. Second, to extend to the church our sincere thanks for the entertainment we have received during this session, and also to express our appreciation to the gentlemen of the community for the part they have taken in making our session a success. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. M. J. CARROLL, Chairman,
MRS. J. F. LITTLETON,
MISS KATE CORBETT.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Mrs. S. H. Burk reported only two deaths: Mrs. Georgia L. Pritchard and a little Sunbeam from Atkinson.

COMMITTEES FOR 1912 TO 1913.

Obituaries—Miss Newton, Miss Jones, Miss Thompson, Miss Holton, Mrs. Beasley, Miss Kate Corbett.

Margaret Home—Margaret Herring, Chairman; Nellie Dempsey, Howard Hanby.

Training School—Miss Mary Lou Powers, Chairman; Miss Amanda McGowan, Miss Lottie Fales.

Delegates to the Institute November 13th and 14th, 1912—Mrs. C. D. Davis, Miss Nettie King, Mrs. J. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Miss Pearl Moore, Mrs. F. P. Dempsey.

On motion of Dr. J. H. Foster, the minutes of the Womans' Missionary Society will be included in the minutes of this Association in future.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by Rev. W. G. Hall. Discussed by Rev. G. A. Martin and J. T. Bland.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage at Thomasville, which belongs to the Baptists of North Carolina, was given to us from great hearts in 1885, and since then has grown to be one of the most important departments of our work and should hold a sacred place in our hearts. The institution has given instruction and training to nearly two thousand boys and girls that otherwise would not have gotten it, and has within its walls to-day nearly four hundred who are looking to us for food and clothing, beside physical, mental, moral and spiritual training. The gift of Brother W. L. Kennedy is one that, we believe, was prompted by the Lord, and should bring greater effort on the part of those who live in this section of the State to equip it at once for the great work for which it was given. We need more room at Thomasville for the children there, and for those who should be there. We need more money to employ more instructors and lighten the work of those who are there giving their lives for the saving of the orphans of our State.

We recommend that each Sunday school make regular contributions to the Orphanage, and make special effort at Thanksgiving for a service and a collection for the Orphanage, and in prayer using our influence for the saving of the fatherless and motherless of our State.

We further recommend most heartily "Charity and Children" as a strong religious paper, that should be read by our Baptist people, and should be taken by every Sunday school in our State.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. Hall.

On motion, Rev. J. A. Sullivan decided to discuss "State Missions" instead of "Education" to-night.
Brother C. E. McCullen assigned delegates to homes.
Motion to adjourn at 5 p. m. to 7:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional service by Rev. J. G. Page at 7:30 p. m.
Association called to order at 7:50 p. m.
Report of State Missions read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. J. D. Hocutt and Rev. Livingston Johnston.
Report adopted as read.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Missions is the whole gospel in action. Our state is the whole life of our people in deveolpment. Then State Missions is the putting of the whole gospel into touch with the whole life of the state.

Two hundred and thirty thousand Baptists gathered into 1,951 churches, composing our State Convention, which is specialized by the Biblical Recorder, State Board of Missions and Sunday Schools, Wake Forest College, Ministerial Educational Board, Orphanage, Old Ministers' Relief, Meredith College and a System of Secondary schools, are all at work to save North Carolina and the world. Our State is not saved until all its people are converted to Christ; until we have invaded our centers of public education through efficient preachers of the gospel, through trained teachers for day school and Sunday school, and through adequate church buildings located in each of them, nor until we have made our North Carolina Commonwealth the most perfect expression of Christian democracy that history affords. This is a great task. To do it, our State Mission Board and allied agencies must be underpinned with an adequate, regular, Scriptural financial system and manned by men who see the work as a whole and are ready to do their part humbly and efficiently. And the object and aim of State mission work, then, is to save North Carolina, and through North Carolina redeemed give the gospel to the whole world.

In our own Association it will be seen that last year only 19 of our 36 churches gave as much as ten dollars to State missions, 7 giving nothing, 7 giving five dollars and less. Your committee would recommend that there be a conservative enlargement in our pledges for State missions each year,and that our churches stand by the Board in all its undertakings.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. Rivenbark.

Rev. R. T. Vann, president of Meredith College, made an interesting talk on "Education," making an appeal for better colleges for women.
Rev. J. H. Beck welcomed by Moderator.
Motion to adjourn until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

MORNING SESSION.

OCTOBER 16TH.

Devotional service by Dr. J. H. Foster, 9:30 a. m.
Association was called to order at 10 a. m.
Minutes of yesterday's session read and approved.
After a welcome to several new delegates, the Report on Education was read by Rev. R. E. Peele. Discussed by Dr. W. R. Cullom, Rev. C. M. Beach, Rev. J. R. Page.
Report adopted with resolution that this Association agree to pay $300.00 to Delway School, and that the Executive Committee apportion this among the churches.

Report on Education.

Education is the handmaid of religion. The cultivation of the head and the cultivation of the heart go together. Dr. Poteat says:

"On the doctrine that everybody ought to have the opportunity of elementary education, Baptists and the State are in accord. The Baptist interpretation of Christianity and of man commits us to the policy of universal education. Manhood suffrage in the State and the perpetuity of republican institutions pre-suppose universal education. It appears, therefore, that the Christian obligation unites with the necessities of the Democratic State in the insistent demand for the education of all the people

"The Baptist educational program would seem to include primary schools as well as the secondary schools and colleges. But we recognize education as one of the chief functions of the State. For legislation and the administration of justice fall back on the education of the people."

Brother C. M. Beach, of Delway, reports as follows, and we incorporate same in our report:

"We are glad to report our own school at Dell in the midst of the best session in all its history. There are as many enrolled now as were ever enrolled in a whole year before, 188 as against 160 last year this time. 160 of these are boarding pupils; 32 over nine years old are unsaved; 6 ministerial students.

The greatest present need of the school is a loan fund to enable boys and girls without means to make a start to get proper training for life. If our system of secondary schools is to succeed as it should, we must, of necessity, look well to this part of the work. God is so marvelously blessing and prospering Baptist people, out of gratitude to Him we should make it possible for our poor, but ambitious, young men and women to take the training that will enable them to fill a broad place in His kingdom.

We recommend that this Association take pledges for this purpose, one-third to be used for current expenses and two-thirds for loan funds.

R. E. Peele.

Associational Trustee for Dell School—J. R. Hanby, Wilmington, N. C.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, There is no church building at Wake Forest and the church there and citizens have subscribed enough to build a house sufficient for their own use, and

Whereas, There is a movement on foot endorsed by the State Mission Board to supplement this fund to make the house sufficiently large to accommodate the student body, of about 450 young men, and getting larger every year:

Therefore, Resolved, That we give our heartiest endorsement to this movement and pledge our support to this work.

On motion Rev. J. A. Sullivan, the executive committee was empowered to elect a member of the board of directors of Dell school.

Report on ministers' relief read and submitted by Rev. J. H. Beck.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Our Ministerial Relief board, now located at Durham, N. C., was organized about twenty-one or twenty-two years ago.

The object of this board is to help provide the necessities of life for old ministers who have spent their lives in the service of the Master and, who,

after they have become old and feeble and unable to work, are in needy circumstances.

As pioneers of our denominational work they paved the way for us. They did an excellent work. In most cases they received a very small salary for their work and are left, in their old age, in extreme want.

And as a denomination we cannot afford to allow them to spend their last days in want of the necessities of life or in the county homes, dejected and neglected.

Brethren, let us see to it that these dear old brethren are not neglected in their last days.

God requires of us that they should not be allowed to suffer.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Beck,
Committee.

Report on Home Missions read and submitted by Dr. J. H. Foster.

Report adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission board of the Southern Baptist convention was born May 8, 1845, at Augusta, Ga. The first year it had $6,200.00 with which to carry on its work. It employed six missionaries who preached at 25 stations; baptized 76 converts and organized 5 churches. During the sixty-seven years of its life there has been a gradual growth along all lines of activity. During the year just past, the Board expended $366,050.00. It employed 3,309 men and women. Through their labors 26,899 were baptized; 381 churches constituted; 234 houses of worship built, and 754 Sunday schools organized.

It is too late in the day to have to speak of the importance of this work. Among Baptists who have studied the situation the conviction is growing that it is suicidal to continue our general indifference to an enterprise which is of such vital importance to the advancement of the work both at home and abroad.

The inflowing tide of foreigners, the material development and growth of the cities create a demand that cannot be ignored. While New Orleans, Memphis, St. Louis, Baltimore and several other of our great cities are under the stern reign of Romanism, the future is bright with promise.

While political agitations in Cuba have retarded the work, at present prospects are more hopeful.

The negroes are in our midst to stay and must exert a vast influence in the moral and religious development of our Southland, that, if nothing else, should emphasize the importance of increased activity.

The Panama Canal Zone, with its polyglot population, affords Southern Baptists a most strategic point of operation. We would commend the work of evangelism as it is being prosecuted by our board. In order to carry on its work, it is necessary for every Baptist to feel his individual responsibility.

The task before us is a great one, but God has given us a great constituency with which to accomplish it. We would urge that the churches see that the Home field is taken by the members in order that they may keep in touch with the work of the Home board.

J. H. Foster,
Chairman.

Rev. R. E. Peele, Dr. J. H. Foster and J. T. Bland were elected messengers to State convention to be held at Goldsboro, N. C.

G. E. Leftwich was elected delegate to Southern Baptist convention, St. Louis, Mo.

Rev. W. G. Hall was re-elected vice-president of State Mission board.
Rev. R. E. Peele was elected a member of Foreign board.
Executive Committee—George E. Leftwich, D. L. Gore, J. S. Canaday, J. T. Bland, R. P. Hinton, F. P. Powers.
Report of executive committee read and submitted.
Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee, in making its annual report, is gratified to state that while no unusual progress has been made, the general outlook, on both mission and independent fields, is the brightest since the formation of our Association. We are helping fewer points than at any time in the past. The following fields came off the board one year ago: Burgaw, Wallace, Watha, Olive, Salem, Providence, Bear Branch, Pt. Caswell, and their several fields, under the wise leadership of Brethren Peele, Barnes, Hocut, Hilburn and Beck, have done the best work of recent years.

The four fields under the board during this year: Onslow field, Seagate, Masonboro field, Southside, Castle Hayne and Wilmington Suburb, at an expense to the board of $950.00, have been watched closely by the writer and we feel sure that the future will prove that this amount was wisely expended.

We believe the spirit of fellowship among our stronger churches is improving and the time not far distant when the now sleeping powers will spread their arms of protection across the destitute places of our Association and then we will be, what we now ought to be—the banner Association of North Carolina.

In closing, we would throw out a warning on the restlessness of our age that has caught the minds and hearts of some. Oh, pastor, stand by your field! Oh, brethren, stand by your pastor and let us all work together to make this year, just opening, the greatest!

Respectfully,
G. E. Leftwich,
Chairman Executive Committee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional service by Rev. R. E. Peele.
Association called to order at 2:10 p. m.
On motion of Rev. J. A. Sullivan an extra pledge was taken for Minute fund as follows:

Barlow's Chapel	$1 00	Providence	$ 50
Bethlehem	25	Olivett	1 00
Burgaw	1 00	Riley's Creek	1 00
Cantuck	1 00	Salt Marsh	25
Emma's Chapel	1 00	Salem	50
Ivanhoe	1 00	Teacheys	1 00
Jacksonville	1 00	Wallace	1 00
Long Creek	50	Riverside	50
Masonboro	50	First Church	3 00
Moore's Creek	50	Brooklyn	1 00
Mt. Holly	1 00	Southside	1 00

The Association sent the following telegram to Rev. J. A. Smith:
"Rev. J. A. Smith,
"Wilmington, N. C.
"The Association sends greetings to you, regretting that ill health prevents your attending this session, and praying God that health and strength may be speedily restored to you.
(Signed) "WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION."

Report on "Temperance" read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele, Rev. W. H. Barnes, J. R. Marshburn, Rev. R. M. Hilburn, Rev. W. G. Hall and J. R. Page.
Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe there is no evil that the devil has set up that has done more harm in tearing down both the Christianity and morality of our community than intoxicating liquors.

For the purpose of destroying this great evil, a prohibitory law has been established in North Carolina. Therefore, it becomes us as a Christian denomination to do our very best to see that this law is carried out, and to see that all persons found dealing in this evil get the extreme limit of the law, so far as is in our power.

We may talk all we please, but if we shall succeed we must do something as well as say something. When God sent Joshua to take the Land of Promise he went, and through God's help he overcame, but he went according to God's command. When he knew that the five kings were hid in the mountain he did not pass by because they were hid, but went and got them out and destroyed them.

So let us, as Christian soldiers of God, go through the nooks and corners of towns and country where we know that men are engaged in this traffic and run them out, and then our law will do what it was intended to do.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. BARNES.

Report on Foreign Missions, by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. J. H. Foster and Rev. J. A. Sullivan.
Report adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Christianity has passed the experimental stage in Foreign Missions. From the earliest beginning of modern missions, when the feeble society offered to the sole missionary a meager support, to the present establishment, with its manifold agencies of work, we are furnished the most magnificent spectacle of development found in any religion. The Womans' Missionary Union, Young Womans' Association, Sunbeams, Royal Ambassadors, Mission study classes, stereopticon and other agencies are cooperating in the greatest movement in the history of Christianity.

We have now in foreign lands, engaged in mission work, 271 missionaries; 577 native helpers, a total of 848 workers. There are 342 churches and 826 out-stations with a membership of 24, 639. There are 422 Sunday schools with 14,562 scholars, and 227 day schools with 6,156 scholars. We have also 19 dispensaries and hospitals which treated last year 51,766 patients. But the most glorious part of the report is the number of baptisms. Last year 4,300 heathen souls were baptized into the fellowship of the churches.

The Convention this year asks for $618,000. This is to be given by 2,015,080 Southern Baptists. North Carolina is asked for $50,000. Not

a large amount for 230,000 persons, if consecrated to Christ. What is our Association's part? Let us not be "found wanting" in this great effort for the glory of God. J. A. SULLIVAN.

Report on Laymens' Movement read and submitted by Moderator G. E. Leftwich. Discussed by Rev. R. E. Peele, G. E. Leftwich and J. T. Bland.

Report adopted, J. H. Foster.

REPORT ON "LAYMEN MOVEMENT."

The student of current events is often startled with big head lines in some secular or religious paper of some movement just starting in this or that section that is sweeping with tornado effect, and will soon cover the earth with goodness as the waters cover the sea. Most of these live long enough for them both to be announced, and then die and are buried in an unknown grave. Not so with the Laymen movement. Born under peculiar circumstances and fed on the milk of prudence, it has lived and grown, and will live and spread regardless of narrowness of some, ignorance of others, and indifference of many. No movement in years is so badly needed, and we urge both pastor and people to join hands and make this a power for good. G. E. LEFTWICH,
Committee.

Finance Report read and submitted.

Report adopted.

Finance Committee reported as follows:

Minute Fund	$ 40.68
Foreign Missions	30.00
State Missions	40.99
Home Missions	25.80
Ministerial Relief	18.27
Sunday School Missions	5.64
Ministerial Education	11.00
Orphanage	59.34
Total	$ 231.72

J. E. PAGE, Chairman,
N. R. CROOM,
W. A. WALKER,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount from the Finance Committee $223.55

F. P. POWERS, Treasurer.

In future no money will be received by the Association except the money for minutes and clerk's pay. All other money will be returned to the churches sending it.

Report of Committee on Place and Preacher as follows:

Place—Teachey, N. C. Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. A. Sullivan; alternate, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark. Missionary Sermon, Rev. R. E. Peele; alternate, Rev. A. C. Chafin.

Report of digest read and submitted by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

Report adopted.

COMMITTEES FOR NEXT ASSOCIATION.

Digest of Church Letter—
Sunday Schools—M. O. Alexander.
Home Missions—W. B. Rivenbark.
Foreign Missions—W. G. Hall.
Orphanage—J. A. Sullivan.
Education, Ministerial and General—J. H. Beck.
Ministerial Relief—W. H. Barnes.
Layman Movement—J. T. Bland.
Biblical Recorder—J. D. Hocut.
Womans' Work—R. E. Peele.
Temperance—R. M. Hilburn.
Associational History and Obituary—J. S. Canady.
Committee to Arrange Program—Executive Committee.
State Missions—J. H. Foster.
Committee to Co-operate With State Sunday School Board—G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. W. G. Hall, Wilmington, N. C.; Rev. R. E. Peele, Burgaw, N. C.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was adopted by the Association:

Resolved, That we, delegates and visitors to the Wilmington Baptist Association, desire to express our hearty appreciation of the unbounded hospitality and generosity manifested toward us during this session of our Association by the Baptist church and citizens of Burgaw. For such splendid entertainment we express our profound thanks.

Knowing the serious need of better information regarding the general work of our own Association:

Resolved, That the retiring Moderator review the year's work and make such suggestions as the case may justify in a fifteen minute speech.

Resolved, 2, That the Association reserve one hour of its best time for the above discussion.

Report on Associational History and Obituaries read and submitted by J. T. Bland.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY AND OBITUARIES.

This Association was organized in October, 1901, with a constituency of nineteen churches, all of which came from the old Eastern, the mother of Associations. As we look back upon our associational life, it is gratifying to say there are evidences of the wisdom of the brethren in adding Wilmington to the list of Baptist Associations of the State.

GROWTH.

Within the twelve years of our existence the number of churches holding membership in the body has almost doubled. We had at first 19, we now have 36 churches, of which Atkinson, Ivanhoe, Riverside and Watha are four new churches that have been organized within our territory. It is also gratifying to note that progress, to some extent, is being made along all lines of Christian activity, and we note with pleasure there are reported 208 baptized into the fellowship of our churches.

HARVEST OF DEATH.

We note with sadness that 44 of the membership of our churches have laid down their labors here and gone to their reward. But so it will ever be. Our privileges for making history are great, but they are short. The harvest of death and obituary is just ahead of us. Therefore, let the churches and the membership be up and doing.

J. T. Bland.

Association closed with Foreign Mission sermon by Rev. J. H. Foster.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF THE WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	MODERATOR	CLERKS	ANNUAL SERMON
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teachey	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McCaughan.
1906	Wilmington, Brooklyn Church	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	Rev. G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.

TABLE No. I—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	*Total
Atkinson	$150 00						$12 95	$12 00	$16 50	$5 00	$10 00	$3 50	$3 00	$3 00	$3 85	$219 80
Barlows Chapel	186 00	$2 85	$48 27				12 50	10 00	20 00		15 00		3 00	4 00		301 62
Bear Branch	50 00	13 50				$2 20										65 70
Bethlehem	165 00	55 00	2 35	$5 00	$4 75		16 65	18 25	15 03	2 00	10 00		5 00	2 50	2 00	303 53
Burgaw	300 00	353 50	28 04	30 00			50 05	22 00	65 00	5 00	20 00		7 50		92 25	973 34
Canetuck	125 00			4 42			10 00	5 00	10 00		10 00		5 00	7 50		176 92
Caswell	96 00			5 64			2 36	2 36	2 36		2 36			2 36		113 44
Catherine Lake																
Emmas Chapel	200 00	1,756 00	10 00	35 00			8 47	10 85	14 43		6 86		3 93	3 82		2,049 36
Centerville	150 00						5 00	5 00	5 00						66	165 66
Harmony	60 00			5 80			5 00	3 00	5 00		5 00		1 00	1 00	35 00	120 80
Haw Bluff	120 00			20 35			4 00	4 00	4 00		5 00		1 00	1 50		159 85
Ivanhoe	100 00		1 00	15 43			4 00	5 75	10 00	3 30	20 50		2 00	2 00		165 98
Jacksonville	300 00		87 92	66 90	29 35		28 60	27 60	26 89	4 30	55 07		4 50	5 00	2 00	638 13
Long Creek	112 50						6 97		2 40		6 00			1 46		129 33
Masonboro	300 00		15 00	30 00	12 50		15 50	12 87	22 12		25 00		5 00	7 50		445 49
Moores Creek	75 00				5 25		4 00	4 00	4 00		5 00		2 00	2 00		101 25
Mt. Holly	75 00				7 44			2 35			5 30				13 50	108 59
Olive Branch	150 00	333 50	55 54	55 80			5 00	7 00	10 19		34 20		1 00	1 00	70 65	723 88
Olivett	30 00	60 00		2 42			5 00	2 50	5 00		7 50			1 00		113 42
Providence																
Rileys Creek	150 00			6 00	14 00		12 00	7 00	17 05	1 00	10 00		3 00	3 00		223 05
Riverside	66 00	120 01	1 00	10 00			26 47		8 11		4 07				60	236 26
Salem	75 00	70 00	15 00	5 00			3 00									168 00
Salt Marsh	72 00		26 25	9 09			1 19	1 56		2 00	2 35		1 00			114 44
Shiloh	120 00		2 00	6 00	10 00		10 00	2 00	25 00	1 00	10 00		1 00	1 00	50	188 50
Tar Landing																
Teachey							35 00	15 00	15 00		35 00		5 00	5 00		290 00
Wallace	400 00		57 00	32 26	25 43		35 25	15 50	34 37	10 00	28 96		10 00	10 00	40 00	698 77
Watha	100 00						3 00	3 00	5 00		5 00			1 00		117 00
Wells Chapel	117 00			8 00			9 68	6 00	23 48		18 75			3 10	38 75	224 76
Willard	150 00	68 15	114 60	14 00							2 50					349 25
Wilmington—First Church	3,000 00	323 58	2,621 52	306 68	363 44		413 00	223 00	660 00		253 97	507 00	465 00		9,136 19	12,766 10
Wilmington—Brooklyn	1,107 78	1,680 75	229 32	171 47	70 11		80 00	18 53	118 45		176 54	15 47				3,839 89
Wilmington—Southside	1,100 00	2,109 95	204 71	47 68	47 08		50 00	40 00	50 00	5 00	160 35			10 00	259 03	4,083 80
Wrightsboro	150 00		11 36	22 25			5 22	7 40	8 00		5 82	4 70			45 50	260 45

TABLE No. II—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	$1,500	300	7	2		4			56	72	133
Barlows Chapel	T. J. Baker	Stedman	1,000	300	2		1		8	3	51	71	122
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro	200	200	1		1	2	6		27	26	53
Bethlehem	W. G. Moore	Birdsville	1,000		27	2		5	1		76	92	168
Burgaw	R. E. Peele	Burgaw	4,500	300	3	4	1	2		2	41	65	106
Canetuck	J. C. Mizzell	Windebow	350							2	72	69	141
Caswell	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	800	25				4	3	1	16	29	45
Catherine Lake													
Emmas Chapel			1,500	200	1	1		3		2			
Centerville	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	2,000	500						2	31	40	71
Harmony	R. J. Hall	Kerr	600	200	12			4		1	35	49	84
Haw Bluff					1	2			1	2	41	62	103
Ivanhoe	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	600		4	2	1	1			27	28	61
Jacksonville	W. P. Campbell	Jacksonville	2,500	400	8	8					24	43	67
Long Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland	500	250		5	1	6			39	58	103
Masonboro	A. C. Chafin	Seagate	1,000	200	1	1			1	2	48	70	118
Moores Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland	500	300				5		2	46	50	96
Mt. Holly	W. H. Barnes	Delway	600	20	3	1			18	1	33	53	86
Olive Branch	A. C. Chafin	Seagate	2,500	400	3	14		4	1	2	40	44	84
Olivett	J. D. Hocut	Ashton	1,000	150	2		1				21	31	52
Providence	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	300	250							8	15	23
Rileys Creek	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	800	600	6	2	2	5		2	32	45	77
Riverside	R. E. Peele	Burgaw	1,200	200							18	24	42
Salem	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	600	300				1			19	39	58
Salt Marsh	A. D. Carter	Garland	200	200	4				1	1	25	35	60
Shiloh	W. G. Moore	Birdsville	1,500	300	11	8	1	5		2	59	100	159
Tar Landing													
Teachey	R. E. Peele	Burgaw	2,500	400	2	1		1			73	76	149
Wallace	R. E. Peele	Burgaw	800			12		7	4	2	81	99	180
Watha	W. H. Barnes	Delway	900	500	1			2		1	17	19	36
Wells Chapel	J. H. Booth	Magnolia			15	5		3		2	116	142	263
Willard	W. G. Moore	Birdsville	1,000	200	1		1	3			29	40	69
Wilmington—First Church	J. H. Foster	Wilmington			62	168		41	3	6	495	687	1,182
Wilmington—Brooklyn	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	9,000	700	17	34	1	26	40	4	146	186	332
Wilmington—Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	7,000	400	15	42	3	6	10	6	149	259	408
Wrightsboro	M. O. Alexander	Wilmington	250	200	2	2		13		1	15	23	38

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TABLE No. III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Volumes in Library	Quarterlies Taken	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage, Etc.	School Expenses
Atkinson	E. G. Bostic	Atkinson	8	99	107	1		230	12	59	5		
Barlow Chapel	J. Justice	Sloop Point				1							
Bear Branch	J. M. Malpass	Currie	4	25	29	1	21				1		
Bethlehem	W. C. Keith	Currie	12	75	87	1	75	265	12		25		$15 00
Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	10	80	90	1			12	60	2	$15 00	30 00
Canetuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr	Currie	8	52	60	1		75	12	30		3 25	4 42
Caswell	W. D. Malpass	Currie	7	41	48	1		53	12	30			5 64
Catherine Lake									12	30			35 00
Emmas Chapel	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	8	40	48	1				30			
Centerville	L. H. Vallers	Kelly	6	60	66								
Harmony	A. W. Marshburn	Ivanhoe	7	50	57	1		72	12	30	11		5 80
Haw Bluff													15 43
Ivanhoe	J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe	5	50	55			90	12	31	2		
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey	Jacksonville	7	64	71	1		143	12	41	6	68 35	66 90
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Burgaw	3	20	23	1		30	12	12			
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	Wilmington	8	75	83	1		100	12	50	1		30 00
Moores Creek													
Mt. Holly	W. M. Gurganus	Watha	5	19	24	1		128	12	15	3		
Olive Branch	L. Larkins	Seagate	6	75	81	1		125	12	60	3		55 80
Olivett	F. C. Shepard	Rocky Point	7	32	39	1		40	12	22	2		2 42
Providence													
Rileys Creek			7	45	52	1		60	12	35	5	5 00	6 00
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	10	62	72	1		60	12	45		4 07	10 00
Salem	A. B. Yopp	Sneeds Ferry	6	40	46	1		100	6	25			5 00
Salt Marsh	R. M. Squires	Nat Moore	6	62	68	1	36	36	12	30	2		9 09
Shiloh	J. J. Boney	Ivanhoe	7	92	99	1		48	12	50	6		6 00
Tar Landing													
Teachey	John Teachey	Teachey	10	100	110	2		200	12	75			93 50
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	9	122	131	1		186	12	71		49 89	32 26
Watha	C. F. Matthews	Watha	6	50	56	1		50	12	60			
Wells Chapel	F. R. Highsmith	Kerr	7	87	94	1		75	12	30	10		8 00
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark	Willard	7	75	82	1		75	12	55	1		14 00
Wilmington—First Church	F. T. Allen	Wilmington	31	550	581	1		625	12	332	18	670 67	306 68
Wilmington—Brooklyn	S. F. Garrison	Wilmington	20	240	260	1		335	12	163	7	604 22	171 47
Wilmington—Southside	J. H. Curtis	Wilmington	13	246	259	1		315	12	160	10	150 79	47 68
Wrightsboro	F. J. Dempsey	Wilmington	8	60	68	1				40		29 29	22 25

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MINUTES

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TEACHEY CHURCH

TEACHEY, N. C.

October 14, 15 and 16, 1913

For Next Session: Place of Meeting, Jacksonville, N. C., Wednesday After First Sunday in October, 1914.

Introductory Sermon, Rev. E. J. Harrell. Alternate, Rev. W. G. Hall. Missionary Sermon, Rev. R. E. Peele. Alternate, Rev. A. C. Chafin.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Moderator	W. G. Hall	Wilmington, N. C.
Vice-Moderator	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey, N. C.
Clerk	S. F. Garrison	Wilmington, N. C.
Treasurer	F. P. Powers	Wallace, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. L. Pridgen	D. L. Gore	R. P. Hinton
W. G. Hall	F. P. Powers	C. R. Corbett

MINISTERIAL REGISTER

The following is a list of ministers who are members of this Association, with their addresses:

Alexander, M. O.	Wilmington	Hall, R. J.	Kerr
Baker, T. J.	Stedman	Hall, W. G.	Wilmington
Barnes, W. H.	Delway	Hilburn, R. M.	Bladenboro
Beck, J. H.	Sloop Point	Hocut, J. D.	Ashton
Booth, J. H.	Magnolia	Mizzell, J. C.	Winnabow
Carter, A. D.	Garland	Moore, W. G.	Birdville
Campbell, W. P.	Jacksonville	Peele, R. E.	Burgaw
Chafin, A. C.	Seagate	Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey
Foster, J. H.	Wilmington	Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel through all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's word.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

ART. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church, chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

ART. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

ART. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

ART. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

ART. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

ART. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall cooperate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the business of the second day of the session. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

ART. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding session of this Association.

ART. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

ART. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

ART. 13. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Tuesday after the second Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

ART. 14. By Appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

ART. 15. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.
2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.
3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.
4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.
5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.
6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.
7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.
8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.
9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.
10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.
11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.
12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.
13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the Roll of Churches and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
11. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirteenth Annual Session

OF

The Wilmington Association

October 14, 15 and 16, 1913.

TEACHEY, October 14, 1913.

Association met with Teachey Church at 11:45 a. m., Vice-Moderator Rivenbark presiding. Session called to order and the following delegates enrolled:

Atkinson—Letter.
Barlow's Chapel—Letter, Miss Bertha Thompson.
Bethlehem—A. L. Pridgen.
Bear Branch—Letter.
Burgaw—J. W. Bowen, C. E. McCullen, H. C. Dixon.
Canetuck—G. F. Flynn, W. Eden, R. D. Pridgen.
Caswell—Letter.
Catherine Lake—Letter.
Centerville—Letter.
Emma's Chapel—O. B. Cox, L. Taylor.
Harmony—J. L. Costin.
Haw Bluff—Letter.
Ivanhoe—J. L. Harrell.
Jacksonville—A. C. Dawson, G. Walton.
Long Creek—W. H. Turner.
Masonboro—Letter.
Moore's Creek—Letter.
Mt. Holly—Bruce Maury, A. Carroll, W. M. Gurganus.
Olive Branch—L. Larkins.
Olivett—Letter.
Providence—
Riley's Creek—J. Lewis, L. F. Clark.
Riverside—Letter, J. D. Hocutt.
Salt Marsh—Letter.
Shiloh—Letter.
Salem—Letter.
Tar Landing—
Teachey—A. F. Bland, J. E. Page, H. S. Wells, B. P. Teachey.
Wallace—J. O. Hand, M. O. Powell, T. W. Stalling.

Watha—A. T. Rooks, Robt. Moore, B. S. Brinkley.
Wells' Chapel—L. R. Highsmith.
Willard—T. S. Bowen.
Wrightsboro—F. J. Dempsey.
Wilmington—First—Mrs. G. E. Leftwich.
Wilmington—Brooklyn—Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rice.
Wilmington—Southside—R. B. Moore, L. G. Bass.
Winter Park—Letter.

Association reorganized by electing the following officers:
Moderator, Rev. W. G. Hall.
Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.
Clerk, S. F. Garrison.
Treasurer, F. P. Powers.
Programme Committee: Rev. R. M. von Miller, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

AFTERNOON SESTION

Association called to order 1:45, Moderator Hall presiding; Brothers Craig, Middleton, Beach, Harrell and Miller of Wilson Association present.

After a few remarks as to the aims of the Association, the Moderator asked for report of Program Committee:

PROGRAM

Tuesday

Introductory Sermon, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.
1:30 p. m. Devotional.
1:45 p. m. Sunday School, Rev. W. M. Craig.
2:30 p. m. Report on Orphanage, Rev. J. A. Sullivan.
7:00 p. m. Devotional.
7:30 p. m. Education, J. H. Beck.
8:00 p. m. *Biblical Recorder*, J. D. Hocutt.

Wednesday

10:00 a. m. Devotional.
10:30 a. m. *Biblical Recorder*, Executive Committee and State Missions, Rev. J. H. Foster.
Dinner.
1:30 p. m. Devotional.
2:00 p. m. Woman's Work, Rev. R. E. Peele.
2:30 p. m. Foreign Missions, Rev. W. G. Hall.
7:00 p. m. Devotional.
7:30 p. m. Missionary Sermon.
8:15 p. m. Home Missions, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.

THURSDAY

10:00 a. m. Devotional.
10:30 a. m. Temperance, Rev. R. M. Hilburn.
11:00 a. m. Laymen's Movement, J. T. Bland.
11:30 a. m. Ministers' Relief, Rev. W. H. Barnes.
12:00 m. B. Y. P. U., Rev. R. M. von Miller.
12:30 p. m. Associational History and Obituary, J. S. Canady.

To Nominate Executive Committee—Rev. B. M. von Miller, Rev. J. D. Hocutt, C. E. McCullen.

Finance—L. R. Highsmith, J. O. Ward, J. D. Teachey.

Time, Place and Preacher—A. L. Pridgen, W. F. Bowen, A. G. Walton.

On New Churches—E. J. Harrell, S. B. Wilson, R. M. von Miller.

Report on Sunday School read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. W. M. Craig and E. L. Middleton.

Adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find authority for Sunday Schools in God's Word. The fact that a Sunday School, with good organization, adequate equipment and good teaching, is sure to become effective in winning souls for God and in developing them for His use, is proof of God's favor.

The Sunday School work of the State is hopeful. There seems to be a steady, healthful growth. Since 1905 we have grown from 1,290 schools to 1,920 in 1912; a gain of 631 or 49 per cent in seven years. Mere numerical growth, however, is not necessarily indicative of success. We find more general interest in the cause than formerly. Schools are improving their organizations as well as enlarging their membership. Many are training their teachers in the Sunday School Board's training courses. Churches are building classrooms or using curtains to improve their equipment.

We find the following facts about the work in our own Association: In our own Association we are glad to report that great progress is being made. About four churches have no Sunday Schools. The average attendance is about fifty per cent of the average enrollment. Some schools go into winter quarters but we are hoping that more than ever before will continue the whole year.

As a policy for next year we would recommend the following:

1. The organization of our Sunday School forces into a Convention with needed officers and committees to advance the work. Let the Executive Committee be appointed now to do this work and cooperate with the State Sunday School Committee and Secretary.
2. A vigorous campaign to enlist more of our church members and others not reached for the Sunday School. A religious census followed by grading the school will greatly aid in this.
3. The organization of Teacher Training Classes for officers and teachers. These may pursue the Normal Course or the Reading Course. Free literature will explain both courses.
4. The cooperation with other associations in supporting Sunday School Missions by putting this fund on same basis as the other mission and benevolent objects of the Convention. The Sunday Schools, however, ought to meet this obligation.

5. More definite plans for making our schools evangelistic. These ought to become great soul saving agencies. Every unsaved member of our classes ought to be brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus.

6. That our officers and teachers secure literature on the various phases of up to date Sunday School work. This will be furnished free by our Sunday School Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Craig.

Report on Orphanage read and submitted by Rev. J. A. Sullivan. Discussed by A. Johnson.

Adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

Earnest seekers after truth would find an authoritative statement as to what constitutes real religion. Here it is: James 1:27: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." Mathematically speaking, then, real religion consists in twenty-five per cent service to orphans, twenty-five per cent service to widows, and fifty per cent of personal piety. And the orphans' twenty-five per cent comes first. Doubtless others here who are fathering other objects will object to so large an appropriation to this form of Christian activity, and leaving nothing for them. Perhaps the claim for the orphans is here extravagantly stated, but let us remember that the Bible refers to the fatherless about forty times, and in nearly every instance a comdemnation for malevolence or commendation for benevolence. Certainly, no one need fear for the acceptability of his service before the throne of God because his service for the orphans may have been disproportionately large.

North Carolina Baptists are doing what they can for orphanage work, but we may rejoice at the success already attained and take courage for the bright prospects. Along with the perfecting of the present plant at Thomasville comes tidings of the development of the Kennedy Donation in the Neuse-Atlantic Association, and bids us look forward with glad anticipation to the "Greater Baptist Orphanage."

Please heed the four suggestions following:

1. Let us seek to enlist all the Sunday Schools of the State in the monthly observance of "Orphanage Day" and a more liberal offering to our Institution.

2. This can be best accomplished by circulating *Charity and Children*, than which there is no better Orphanage paper published anywhere.

3. Thanksgiving Day is an appropriate time to make a special offering to stock the Orphanage pantry with good things.

4. We may give to the Orphanage, but frequently forget to pray for the orphans who have been committed to our care and for those whom we have appointed to care for them for us.

J. A. Sullivan.

Prof. C. M. Beach, having to leave before the night session, discussed "Education," calling attention to the need of a school such as Dell, where boys and girls can get an education.

On motion C. E. McCullen, Association donated to Dell School $300, to be apportioned among churches by Executive Committee.

Committee on New Churches presented application of Winter Park Baptist Church:

We, the members of Winter Park Baptist Church, make application for membership in the Wilmington Association. We have been a mission of the First Church and on August 1st were regularly organized as a church adopting the Constitution and Articles of Faith as set down in the Minutes of the Wilmington Association.

W. M. CRAIG, *Pastor.*
GEO. SLOAN, *Church Clerk.*

We, your committee, after carefully examining the petition of the Winter Park Baptist Church, Articles of Faith and Constitution. recommend that said church be received into our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
E. J. HARRELL,
R. M. VON MILLER,
S. B. WILSON.

Nomination of Executive Committee.

Report adopted.

We, your committee, after careful consideration, recommend as members of the Executive Committee the following brethren:

A. L. Pridgen, F. P. Powers,
W. G. Hall, R. P. Hinton,
D. L. Gore, C. R. Corbett.

Respectfully submitted,
R. M. VON MILLER,
J. D. HOCUTT.
C. E. MCCULLEN.

At 4:15 p. m. Association adjourned until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION

Devotional service at 7:20.

Association called to order at 7:30.

On motion of Brother Rivenbark, "Foreign Missions and Education" discussed tonight instead of *Biblical Recorder.*

Report on Foreign Missions read and submitted by Rev. W. G. Hall. Discussed by Brother Hall.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our Foreign Mission Board reports a year of success and great progress on our foreign field. The only exception is Mexico, where the unsettled conditions have hindered the work. In Brazil and China the success and opportunities are marvelous. In Italy and Japan the people are turning their faces to the Gospel and the outlook is very bright. From all around the world the call which God gives to us is to go forward. Let us see the contrast between our work twenty years ago, and what it is today.

Twenty years ago we had no medical missionary, this year we have thirteen, seven hospitals, nine dispensaries, and our missionaries have treated 65,333 people. Then we had sixteen schools with 598 scholars. This year we have 266 schools with 7,481 scholars. Then we had 177 missionaries and native workers, now we have 849. That year we reported 383 baptisms with a membership of 2,923. This year 4,532 baptisms and a membership of 27,545. All of this goes to show that we have left the day of small things, and must come up to the great opportunities which God has placed upon us. We hope and believe that in twenty years more what we are doing today will appear small in proportion to what will be done then.

The total contributions reported at the last Southern Baptist Convention amounted to $543,446. For this year we have been asked to raise $646,500 for foreign missions. It will take this amount to pay off our past obligations and carry on the work. The Convention also asked that each State raise a definite amount, and this amount to be divided among the various associations. This Association has been asked to raise $2,000. Therefore your committee recommends:

1. That a committee be appointed to carefully divide this amount asked for among our churches, and the report of the committee with the amount asked for from each church, be printed in our Minutes.
2. That all our people take and read the *Foreign Mission Journal.*
3. That our churches adopt a system for the raising or our missions in our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. HALL, *Committee.*

Report on Education by Rev. J. H. Beck read and submitted. Discussed by Brothers C. F. Durham, W. B. Rivenbark, J. A. Sullivan and W. H. Barnes.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We hardly believe that there has been a time when there was more done than is being done at present to educate the young people. We are glad that the time has come when all young people have an opportunity of at least a common education, so that they can serve their God and fellowman better.

We as Baptists need to take the lead in the work of education in order not to suffer loss. We need educated laymen in our pews and especially do we need educated men in our pulpits. God is giving us the men, we have the schools to educate them. But these schools need our support in order to do the work. Will we stand by them and help them to carry on the work of educating our people?

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. BECK,
Committee.

On motion of Brother Rivenbark, action on resolution as to Wake Forest Building postponed.

Brother C. A. Upchurch, of Raleigh, welcomed.

At 9:15 Association adjourned until 10 a. m. Wednesday.

Wednesday, October 15th

MORNING SESSION

10:00 a. m. Devotional.

Called to order 10:30 a. m., Moderator Hall presiding.

Minutes read and approved.

Report on *Biblical Recorder* by Rev. J. D. Hocutt read and submitted. Discussed by W. M. Green, of Raleigh, Rev. R. M. von Miller and Rev. J. A. Sullivan.

Report adopted.

The *Biblical Recorder*, the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was established about the year 1830 by the Rev. Thomas Meredith, D.D. It was for some years published in Newbern, N. C., was a monthly periodical, and known as the *Baptist Interpreter*. After some years, however, it was removed to Raleigh, became a weekly periodical, and its name was changed to the *Biblical Recorder*. The paper being the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is owned and controlled by the denomination, the title being vested in stock company composed of about one hundred Baptists, who have it in trust for the denomination. The *Recorder*, under its present management, is not allowed to pay to the stockholders a dividend exceeding six per cent. Any dividend accruing above that is used to improve and further equip the plant. After the company that now owns and controls the *Recorder* for the denomination was formed, they built for the *Recorder* a home, established the plant that publishes the paper, in which also is found the offices of the *Recorder* and the offices of the secretaries of the various departments of our denominational work. The plant is now worth not less than $25,000, and is headquarters for the Baptist denomination in North Carolina. The *Recorder* has a circulation now of about 15,000 subscribers, and is published at $1.50 a year, being the cheapest publication of its class in the South. The *Recorder*, being the organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, stands for every phase of our denominational life and every department of our denominational work, and instead of having a circulation of 15,000 it ought to have a circulation of 50,000. We would recommend that the denomination, through the pastors and active laymen, institute a *Recorder* campaign with a view to increasing its circulation to that amount.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Hocutt.

Reports of Executive Committee and State Missions read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark, Rev. R. M. von Miller, Rev. E. J. Harrell, Rev. J. D. Hocutt and Rev. W. G. Hall.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee in submitting its annual report beg to report that it secured from the State Board the following amounts:

Seagate and Masonboro, Rev. E. J. Harrell, field	$ 300.00
Southside, Rev. W. G. Hall	150.00
Onslow field, Rev. R. M. von Miller	250.00
Bear Branch, Rev. R. M. Hilburn	25.00
Hampstead, Rev. J. D. Hocutt	25.00
Olivet, Rev. J. D. Hocutt	25.00
Castle Hayne, Farmers and East Wilmington, M. O. Alexander	250.00
Total	$1,025.00

Bro. Alexander left the 1st of June and the First Church, Wilmington, took over his field and relieved the Board of that amount. We think the money well spent and all the field doing well. Special mention should be made of the Onslow Field, that is making its best year's work, also Southside, doing a great work in building, and we feel the Association should rally to their support. We would urge especially the curtailing of amount spent on Missions in our Association or make an earnest effort to collect more for State Missions, as our Association should not receive from the State Board more than they give.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. Leftwich, *Chairman.*

STATE MISSIONS REPORT

It is nearly 1900 years since the grave was rent and the path of life opened to every believing soul. During these years over twenty billion souls have gone out of the darkness of heathenism into the darker night. It is an appalling thought that these should have gone unshrined before the judgment bar of God. But while we think of the shame, the sin and the neglect, there comes this other fact that over a billion are without the gospel today. In our generation one thousand million will die and go down to the grave. Shall they go without faith or hope or shall we give them the gospel?

Our religious problems are multiplying. Once we talked of the negro problem. God put the black man in the midst of the most wholesome environment under the sun. North Carolina has its share of the ten million negroes dependent upon the white race for religious training and culture. These are to be the leverage by which one hundred and thirty million negroes are to be elevated intellectually and spiritually. It is a crucial period with the negro of the South, of the whole world and also with the white race under whose guardianship God has placed them.

In our State we have had to deal with the lowland whites, the larger majority of them unresponsive to any effort toward their uplift. And yet the impact of their lives upon our religious, social and practical life must have its influence. Kindly, lovingly, intelligently, they must be led.

We have also the men of the mountains, with brawny arms and finely fibred brain, responsive to the higher culture, standing ready to be trained that they may go out into the nobler callings of life.

But North Carolina, as all the other Southern States, is going to have other and more difficult problems to deal with in the near future. We are not going to the heathen and they are coming to us.

There is in all the nations a spirit of interest. Mohammedans, Confucianists, Buddhists and the rest feel that their civilization is the best that can be produced by their religious systems. The heathen are realizing as never before that Baal boweth down and Nebo stoopeth, that heathenism has no power to lift the burdens but only makes them heavier. Those living in Catholic countries are tired of the yoke of despotism pressed upon their necks by Rome. They are flocking in large numbers to our country. New York and San Francisco failed to meet the issue and they are practically heathen cities today. But now the South is to receive its quota of foreign immigrants and our State will get its share. If we fail to prepare to meet the incoming tide we must suffer the consequences. The State Board is doing its best to handle the situation as it is today; but in the near future the problems will be much greater.

Last year our Association gave only $871.21 to State Missions. We would urge greater liberality.

We would recommend:

1. That our pastors keep the churches informed concerning the work done by the State Board and its needs.
2. That our Association attempt to raise at least $1,000 for State Missions.
3. That every church in the Association have something to report each year for our work in the State.

Respectfully submitted,
J. H. FOSTER.

On motion of Brother Rivenbark, further discussion deferred until after dinner.

Rev. J. H. Booth welcomed.

Standing Committees announced.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Digest of Church Letters—
Sunday School—R. M. von Miller.
Home Missions—E. J. Harrell.
Foreign Missions—J. H. Foster.
Orphanage—W. B. Rivenbark.
Education (Ministerial and General)—W. M. Craig.
Laymen's Movement—George E. Leftwich.
Biblical Recorder—S. B. Wilson.
Woman's Work—J. H. Beck.
Temperance—W. H. Barnes.
Associational History and Obituary—C. E. McCullen.
State Missions—J. A. Sullivan.
Associational Missions—Chairman of Executive Committee.
Program—S. F. Garrison, J. A. Sullivan, J. H. Foster.
Committee on Sunday School—R. M. von Miller, Jacksonville; W. B. Rivenbark, Teachey; R. D. Pridgen, Currie, R. F. D. No. 2.
B. Y. P. U.—S. F. Garrison, Wilmington.

Adjourned for dinner at 12:15.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association called to order at 1:55 p. m.

Report on Woman's Work read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. R. M. von Miller, Rev. E. J. Harrell, Rev. W. B. Rivenbark and Rev. W. H. Barnes. (See page 29.)

Report on Home Missions by Rev. W. B. Rivenbark read and submitted. Discussed by Rev. C. A. Upchurch.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In a large measure the destiny of the South, so far as the Baptists are concerned, is in the hands of the Home Mission Board. Many and varied are the problems confronting the Home Board for solution.

First. The changing condition of the South from an agricultural people to a great manufacturing people, the rapid growth of industrialism, the great influx of outside capital, the horde of foreigners that are pouring into the South, the complexity of the negro problem, and the construction of the Panama canal; all these things present to the Home Board a problem intricate and supremely difficult. This department of our work is of strategic importance.

Second. The Southern territory embraces all the Southern States, together with Cuba, Panama and the Isle of Pines, and contains more than 25,000,000 people—one-third of whom are negroes and one-fifth are foreigners. In Cuba, once priestridden, illiterate and downtrodden, there are 1,300,000 souls blinded and prejudiced by a religion mingled with idolatry.

Third. The mountain regions of North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Kentucky, comprise one hundred and forty-nine counties, and a population of 2,000,000, ninety-eight per cent of whom are white, and sixty-five per cent of whom are Baptists. These people must be educated and trained for the Master. This part of our work, Mountain Missions and School Work, is worthy of our attention and support.

Fourth. Another grave problem confronting us for solution is the problem of our rapidly growing cities, into which forty per cent of our population is already congested and toward which there is a constantly growing stream of young men and women from the rural communities and an ever increasing number of foreigners. The time was when the best element of the Old World came to America seeking homes and freedom to worship God. But now the tide has turned, and the worst element of Europe is flocking to our shores at the rate of 1,100,000 annually. They know nothing of God, they have no conception of freedom, they are alien in speach and religion and know nothing of our form of government. These must be met with the open Bible and taught the religion of the Lord Jesus or they will paganize us. If for no other motive. self-preservation must drive us to the task. If is time for Baptists to awake and begin to realize that it is suicidal to continue our general indifference to the work of the kingdom both at home and abroad.

In our own Association of nearly five thousand strong we contributed last year less than 11 cents per member to Home Missions. Six churches, according to our minutes, show no contribution to this object. Let every Baptist feel his individual responsibility.

The purpose of the Home Board is to Evangelize, Educate and Enlist. Last year the eighteen evangelists employed by the Board received into the churches in meetings 5,381 and secured as volunteers for the ministry and mission work 683. This year there are thirty-two Mountain Schools with one hundred and forty-two teachers with 4,646 students, seventy-five of whom are studying for the ministry.

Enlistment is necessary. We have in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention 23,676 churches with 2,421,203 members and no less than 1,500,000 are noncontributors. Three hundred and four churches gave nothing to any object, five hundred and forty-seven gave nothing to Foreign Missions, six hundred nothing to Home Missions, four hundred and ninety-six nothing to State Missions, five hundred and twenty-three nothing to Orphanage, six hundred reported no baptisms. Let us evangelize, educate and enlist.

B. B. RIVENBARK.

PLACE AND PREACHER

We, your committee, recommend that the next session of the Wilmington Association will meet with the church at Jacksonville. That Rev. E. J. Harrell be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and Rev. W. G. Hall be appointed as alternate.

We recommend that the time of meeting be changed to Wednesday after the first Sunday in October.

Respectfully submitted,
A. S. PRIDGEN
A. G. WALTON

Recommendation of committee accepted and Association will meet in future Wednesday after the first Sunday in October.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30.

NIGHT SESSION

Sermon by Rev. R. M. von Miller. Subject, The Thief's Plea, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The following rules were adopted:

13. The annual session shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's Day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

15. The retiring Moderator is requested to briefly review the year's work and make such suggestions as conditions require, and that his address be printed in the Minutes.

To the Brethren and Sisters of the Wilmington Association:

As per a resolution of our last meeting, and after a year of much anxiety, after visiting more than twenty-five of our churches, seeing much to encourage but much more to discourage, I am convinced that our greatest drawback is lack of cooperation. Indifference not only regarding our general associational work, but even the local field is left to suffer, with a membership of 5,000, three-fourths paying no attention to any of our various efforts and a majority of the rest only working along local lines, largely on account of personal pride. Is this overdrawn? Last summer at our annual Sunday School Convention only three superintendents were present and it would be unusual for more than six or eight churches to be represented at our Union Meetings. Our churches did not give as much last year to missions as four years ago, and conversions are no less than several years ago. Something

should be done. Something must be done, and it remains for you, my brethren, to get together, realizing that we are our brother's keeper, the strong helping the weak and all together joining our hands and hearts in one great column with Christ as our Captain, the Holy Spirit our Guide and the Heroes of the past our inspiration, with no personal ambitions to gratify, but the lost to be saved and Christ to be honored. Then and not till then will our cause go forward and the stronghold of sin be overturned. Brethren, won't you try it? We can if we will.

Respectfully,

G. E. LEFTWICH.

Thursday, October 16th

MORNING SESSION

10:15—Devotional.

Association called to order at 10:30 a. m. Minutes read and approved.

Report on Temperance read and submitted by Rev. W. H. Barnes. Discussed by Rev. R. M. von Miller.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

We are commanded to be temperate in all things. As we see it, temperance in regard to strong drink is the most important. Prohibition was endorsed by 4,500 majority of the votes of North Carolina. What we ask is for the churches of God to be true to that decision and do away with blind tigers. cider presses and wine shops. The church has the power in the Wilmington Association if all the members would be true to their vow. It is recommended also for the churches to do all in their power against the use of cigarettes among our boys.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BARNES,
Committee.

Report on Ministers' Relief by Rev. W. H. Barnes submitted.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The object of this Board is to afford aid and relief for the old pioneer Baptist ministers who have worn themselves out working hard to build up God's Kingdom here on earth.

There are at present about thirty-five beneficiaries who have to look to this Board for support.

This Association contributed $78.75 last year.

Brethren let us try to do better next year and see that these good old godly soldiers of the Cross have comfortable homes and nourishing food.

We furthermore recommend that the churches make an offering on Sunday nearest Christmas which will be a Christmas offering for these good old Brethren.

W. H. BARNES.

Report on Laymen's Movement, by Rev. E. J. Harrell, read and submitted. Discussed by Brother Harrell.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT

Perhaps no movement of recent times is more needed and more important than the attempt of our churches and pastors to enlist and train our laymen for more efficient service in the Lord's work. Ever since Deacon Philip led the Ethiopian eunuch to Christ there have been consecrated deacons and laymen at work. But to enlist and train the great mass of our laymen for service would solve all the financial and evangelical problems of God's great cause. Let pastors and church seek more earnestly to enlist these laymen for better and better service till "Thy Kingdom come and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

E. J. HARRELL,
For Committee.

On motion of Brother Barnes, the following were elected:

Member of State Mission Board—W. G. Hall.

Delegates to the Baptist State Convention—Finance Committee.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—W. B. Rivenbark.

The following telegram was sent:

REV. J. A. SMITH,

Wilmington, N. C.

Wilmington Association sends greetings to you. God bless and keep you 'till we meet above. WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

B. Y. P. U. work was discussed by Rev. R. M. von Miller.

Report on Associational History and Obituary, by F. P. Powers, submitted.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON ASSOCIATIONAL HISTORY.

This Association was organized in October, 1901, with only nineteen churches, all coming from the old Eastern Association, the great mother of Associations. We have grown now to the number of thirty-seven and eventually this Association will give birth to a new one. Our progress though, this year, is only one church, Winter Park, but we feel that we are growing in consequence and members, nevertheless, 161 baptisms being reported.

OBITUARY.

We note with sadness that fifty-one of our membership have passed over the river and are gone from us but to a better and higher life. And it will be so with us some day, therefore be ready when the summons comes by doing all we can for the Master while we are permitted to remain here.

F. P. POISSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, delegates and visitors to the Wilmington Baptist Association, desire to express our hearty appreciation of the unbounded

hospitality manifested towards us during this session of our Association by the Baptist Church and citizens of Teachey. For such splendid entertainment we express our profound thanks.

At 1:00 p. m. the session closed, to meet at Jacksonville, N. C., Wednesday after first Sunday in October, 1914.

AMOUNT APPORTIONED TO CHURCHES TO BE RAISED THIS YEAR

	Foreign Missions	Dell School
Atkinson	$ 40.00	$15.00
Barlow's Chapel	30.00	12.50
Bethlehem	30.00	10.00
Bear Branch	5.00	5.00
Burgaw	50.00	15.00
Canetuck	30.00	10.00
Caswell	10.00	5.00
Centerville	30.00	10.00
Emma's Chapel	30.00	10.00
Harmony	15.00	5.00
Haw Bluff	15.00	5.00
Ivanhoe	30.00	10.00
Jacksonville	50.00	15.00
Long Creek	40.00	10.00
Masonboro	40.00	10.00
Moore's Creek	30.00	10.00
Mt. Holly	15.00	2.50
Olive Branch	20.00	5.00
Olivet	15.00	2.50
Providence	15.00	5.00
Riley's Creek	40.00	10.00
Riverside	10.00	2.50
Salt Marsh	10.00	2.50
Shiloh	40.00	10.00
Salem	15.00	5.00
Tar Landing	10.00	2.00
Teachey	25.00	10.00
Wallace	75.00	15.00
Watha	10.00	2.50
Willard	25.00	10.00
Wrightsboro	25.00	5.00
First Church, Wilmington	600.00	50.00
Brooklyn	100.00	25.00
Southside	85.00	10.00
Winter Park	25.00	5.00
Catherine Lake	15.00	2.50
Wells' Chapel	50.00	10.00

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Annual Sermon
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Wells' Chapel	J. T. Bland	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teachey	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McCaughan.
1906	Wilmington, Brooklyn Church	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred. D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	Rev. G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teachey	Rev. W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.

TABLE I—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Sunday School Missions	Orphanage	Colleges and Schools	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Total
Atkinson	$135 00	$200 00	$	$	$	$	$ 8 25	$ 7 70	$ 7 70	$	$2 00	$	$	$	$	$
Barlow's Chapel	186 00		13 38				12 50	5 00	10 10		2 00		2 00	3 00	60 00	
Bethlehem																
Bear Branch	107 00	2 25	11 00	5 00	2 50		1 48								1 75	
Burgaw	350 00	625 00	30 00		10 00		20 00	14 00	28 00		10 00	20 00	2 41		24 00	
Canetuck	118 40			5 50			10 00	5 00	10 00		10 00		5 00	7 50		
Caswell	96 00						2 00	2 00	2 00		3 00			1 00	20 00	
Catherire Lake			14 60				1 00								14 85	
Centerville	100 00															
Emma's Chapel	200 00	275 00	115 00	36 00			25 00	18 65	20 00	5 00	15 00		5 00	5 45	13 00	743 10
Harmony							5 00	2 50	5 00		7 50				37 90	
Haw Bluff	120 00		4 25		3 85			2 14	2 14		12 09				2 50	148 97
Ivanhoe																
Jacksonville	337 50	1,645 45	119 93	52 25	69 00		38 25	30 24	37 15	5 00	61 35	15 00	5 00	5 00	50 00	2,478 12
Long Creek	125 00		52 80	3 25			5 00	7 25	12 00	2 25	10 00			3 30		
Masonboro	300 00			13 20	5 27		20 52	15 50	20 00	4 00	20 00		2 67	2 00	5 00	
Moore's Creek			17 23	6 76			3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	3 00		1 00	2 00		
Mount Holly	75 00	26 00		5 71	4 72		3 73	2 00	1 90		3 85				13 51	
Olive Branch	175 00	147 92	48 92	27 08			18 62	11 00	6 13		5 00				29 75	
Olivett	300 00			2 60			5 00	2 50	5 00		7 50					
Providence																
Riley's Creek	150 00	90 00	25 00	6 00			6 00	5 00	5 00		10 00	15 00				

Riverside	70 00		1 50	18 00			16 88				8 00	7 50			43 50	
Salt Marsh	72 00		3 00	3 00	19 12		2 00	1 00			3 61					
Shiloh	150 00			8 00			10 00	2 00	20 00		10 00		1 00	1 00		
Salem	75 00						2 00		1 62						50 00	
Tar Landing																
Teachey																
Wallace	400 00	150 76	32 68	60 77	14 62		35 50	20 00	79 51	15 00	35 00	20 00	11 00	10 00		
Watha	100 00		5 00	10 00			3 00	3 00	5 00		5 00			1 00	20 00	
Wells' Chapel	250 00						27 04	11 10	27 27		15 00		5 56	2 00		
Willard	150 00		25 00	20 00			7 50	8 00	8 00	1 00	8 00		4 08	1 00		
Wrightsboro	145 52		2 46	30 71			1 50	3 50	4 00	1 00	6 43	6 50			45 00	
Wilmington—First	3,000 00	1,303 93	3,519 01	214 65	412 57	325 00	490 32	242 07	1,385 50		395 43	1,176 00	258 00		1,478 92	14,422 34
Wilmington—Brooklyn	1,200 00	411 04	522 33	158 26	13 75		55 50	50 00	50 25		209 83		10 00	10 00	124 55	
Wilmington—Southside	1,220 91	10,056 38	273 74	39 40	34 25		88 91	53 55	76 60	5 00	131 31		5 00	27 00	52 92	
Winter Park																

TABLE II—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	Value of Church Property	Seating Capacity	Baptized	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	$15,000	400	14	30		4		1	67	95	162
Barlows Chapel	T. J. Baker	Stedman			10		1			1	54	79	133
Bethlehem													
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro		200							27	24	51
Burgaw			5,000	400	1	3		6		1	42	54	96
Canetuck	J. C. Mizzell	Bolivia	350	250	3	4		4		3	69	73	142
Caswell	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	800	250		1	2	1		1	16	27	43
Catherine Lake	R. M. von Miller	Jacksonville	600	200		3		2		2	2	8	10
Centerville	W. M. Kelley	Kelly, N. C.	1,500	300				3			29	30	59
Emma's Chapel	R. M. von Miller	Jacksonville	2,200	250	8	4	2			1	42	46	88
Harmony			600	250	2	1		7	2		31	42	73
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnes	Delway	400	300			1		7	1	34	49	83
Ivanhoe													
Jacksonville	R. M. von Miller	Jacksonville	4,500	300	2	14	1	1			32	49	81
Long Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland	500	300	7	1		1		2	39	62	101
Masonboro	E. J. Harrell	Seagate	1,000	200			3			4	43	71	114
Moore's Creek			500	200				10		1	36	45	81
Mt. Holly	W. H. Barnes	Delway	600	200	9	2	3	2	6		35	58	93
Olive Branch	E. J. Harrell	Seagate	2,500	400			1	8	2	1	40	52	92
Olivett	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton	1,000	150				2			21	29	50
Providence													
Rileys Creek	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	800	600	2	1	2	2	3	2	41	68	109

Rivereide			1,200	200		3				1	17	25	42
Salt Marsh	A. D. Carter	Garland	150	200	1		1	1		1	22	36	58
Shiloh	L. B. Wilson	Delway	1.500	500	4	1	1	5		3	57	97	154
Salem	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point	600	300	2		1	4			17	27	44
Tar Landing													
Teachey	R. E. Peele	Burgaw	2,000	400				3		1	74	79	153
Wallace			6,000	600		2		3		5	84	89	173
Watha	W. H. Barnes	Delway	900	500			2				17	20	37
Willard	L. B. Wilson	Delway	1,000	200	15		1	1	1		40	58	98
Wells Chapel	J. H. Booth	Magnolia					1	3		5	104	135	239
Wrightsboro	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	2,500	300	4	5	1				16	25	42
Wilmington—First Church	J. H. Foster	Wilmington	60,000	1300	38	85		96	3	4	505	697	1201
Wilmington—Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	16,000	650	13	56	3	14	19	3	164	286	444
Wilmington—Brooklyn	J. H. Sullivan	Wilmington	9,000	600	26	60	5	34	1	6	161	218	379
Winter Park	C. M. Craig	Wilmington											

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POST OFFICE	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Total Enrollment	Number of Schools	Volumes in Library	Months Kept Open	Average Attendance	Number of Baptisms	Contributions for Missions, Orphanage Etc.	School Expenses	Total Contributions
Atkinson	E. G. Bostic	Atkinson	7	103	103	1	65	12	65	23	$2 00	$36 00	$7 00
Barlows Chapel	J. Justice	Sloop Point	5	50		1		12			2 00	10 60	2 00
Bear Branch	J. M. Malpass	Currie	4	29	29	1		12	20			5 00	
Bethlehem													
Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	10	70	80	1		12	55	1	35 00	30 00	324 00
Canetuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr	Currie	8	64	72	1		12	40	2		5 50	
Caswell	L. Vallers	Point Caswell	6	45	51	1		12	30			4 64	13 89
Catherine Lake													
Centerville	E. H. Anders	Kelly	5	35	40	1		12				4 00	
Emma's Chapel	W. E. Taylor	Richland	8	90	98	1		12	62	3	28 00	36 00	74 13
Harmony	L. H. Gurganus	Ivanhoe	6	72	78	1		12	40	2		6 00	
Haw Bluff													
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey	Jacksonville	8	108	116	1		12	68	2		52 25	116 37
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Burgaw	5	25	30	1		12	15	1			
Masonboro			5	100	105			12	60		12 60	13 21	
Moores Creek	J. L. Pope	Currie	4	30	34			12	18			6 76	
Mt. Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha	8	53	61			12	40	5	4 65	3 29	
Olive Branch	L. Larkins	Seagate	7	152	159			12	75			27 08	67 96
Olivett	F. C. Shepard	Rocky Point	7	33	40			12	20				
Riley's Creek	J. E. Taylor	Rocky Point	5	47	52			12	38	2	5 00	6 00	
Riverside	E. P. Batson	Burgaw	6	72	78			12	50		8 00	18 00	
Salt Marsh	R. M. Squires	Mt. Moore	7	57	64			12	25	1		3 00	

Shiloh	G. F. Devane	Ivanhoe	6	88	94			12	50				
Salem													
Tar Landing													
Teacheys	P. E. Shaw	Teachey	7	52	59			12	35			10 00	
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	10	127	137			12	71		43 00	60 77	151 00
Watha	C. F Matthew	Watha	7	75	82			12	60			10 00	
Weils Chapel	W. R. Highsmith	Kerr	7	85	92			12					
Willard	R. T. Riverbark	Willard	8	112	120			12	60	8			
Wrightsboro	H. S. Strickland	Wilmington	7	98	105			12	51	1			41 66
Wilmington—First Church	F. T. Allen	Wilmington	39	561	600			12	303	17	632 00	214 65	
Wilmington—Brooklyn	J. M. Bullard	Wilmington	24	275	299			12	193	14	209 63	158 26	
Wilmington—Southside	J. S. Canady	Wilmington	14	306	320			12	150	10	67 05	39 40	196 45
Winter Park													
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MINUTES

OF THE

Third Annual Session

OF

Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Association

WALLACE, N. C.

The Women's Missionary Union of the Wilmington Association held their third annual meeting at Wallace, N. C., September 11, 1913.

The people of Wallace opened their homes and hearts to us and immediately made us feel they were glad to have us there, and every one seemed so interested in our mission there, and while the people of Wallace are not all Baptists by any means, they are all interested in mission work and encouraged us by their presence and close attention to all that was said.

We opened our meeting by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and the devotional exercises were led by our faithful member. Mrs. W. P. Oldham, of the Women's Missionary Union of the First Church, Wilmington.

Mrs. F. P. Powers, in her own sweet way, welcomed us to Wallace and into their midst, and Mrs. Westbrook, representing the Methodists of Wallace, gave us a hearty welcome, and we really felt it good to be there. Mrs. C. B. Newcomb, of Wilmington, responded.

Then came our Vice-President, Mrs. George E. Leftwich, with her address. She told us many good things that were very encouraging indeed. We have attempted great things this year and we feel we have attained great things. We started out to raise fourteen hundrd dollars and we raised that amount and several hundred besides. We find four new societies and one hundred and seventy-six more women and children working for our Master's cause, and everything tends to have an upward look, which gives us much cause to rejoice.

Report adopted as read.

REPORT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Again we come to the close of another year in our Association to relate the facts and factors that have gone to make this year of Larger and Better Service a success. In many respects, this has been in very truth a "Triumphant Year." The most gratifying increase has been in newly enlisted women in the work; more leaders willing to lead; more interest manifested in State and Associational work; more questionaires answered this year; more reports sent in on time; more information sought; an awakening in Mission Study, and with the Standard of Excellence for Societies, Vice-President and the

Association as a whole, we find that higher ideals have been attained, and also find our Association falling in line in this particular work and making a mark.

This past year the Y. W. A. of the First Church, Wilmington, attained all the points and so led with one other Society in the State on the Roll of Honor. Willard W. M. U. stood highest on the Standard and reached Class A. Wallace Sunbeams leads the Association in points of gifts, having doubled this year. Seagate leads in numbers this year; Wilmington First Church leads in gifts but Wrightsboro leads in the best average. The greatest awakening in Mission interests is in Jacksonville, Richland, Brooklyn and Southside, and Bethlehem can be counted on every quarter; never varies. Burgaw has some of the brightest women in this work I have yet found. Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Atkinson, always does her part, and the Jr. Y. W. A. of the First Church are fast realizing they are the coming women of tomorrow. Masonboro is realizing too, that the day is not far off when they will be the trained women for our churches and societies.

The Sunbeams of our Association are just what their leaders and parents make them. Riverside is practically new, but there is the greatest opportunity there for organized mission work in this territory; so many children and so many good, noble, Christian parents.

We have added to our list this year one hundred and seventy-six women and children, and four new Societies. Our money aim was fourteen hundred dollars, and we have more than reached that amount by two hundred dollars. Our Association will contribute two girls to the Training School, and I hear one young lady is waiting now to go to one of our foreign fields, perhaps Mexico.

I have found the Ministers ready and willing to listen to us, and to help us when called on. I have also found where the leaders are wholly interested in Missions, that that Society is wide awake. While the work has been more nearly systematized this year than last, it has been hard work, but as you see from facts and figures, things have an upward look. All of the credit is due you leaders and presidents and members. You have stood by your post many times when things looked dark to me as well as you. God has the highest things in life for those who will have His best. He has the second place for those who will not have His best, but some there are who will make the highest choice, but when by troubles pressed they shrink, they yield, they shun the cross, and so they lose the best.

I have traveled five hundred and seventy-five miles, attended one State Convention, one Assciation other than my own, attended two Fifth Sunday meetings, visited fifteen Societies: Wrightsboro, Wallace, Burgaw, Masonboro, Seagate, Wilmington Y. W. A's, Royal Ambassadors, Sunbeams, Southside, Brooklyn, Riverside, Willard, Bethlehem and Delgado. Taught Mission Study class for four months; made twenty-two talks during the year; written twelve articles; made sixty-one visits on mission objects; answered fifty-three phone calls; written fifty-one letters, twenty-eight postal cards, outside of the letters, one hundred and thirty-five in number, dictated to the Secretary; conducted a line of personal service work; found thirty-one interested women during the year and influenced them to join the work. Had thirty-three personal visits from the ladies of this Association regarding our territory work. Attended to every call made on me during the year, and filled every engagement on time. Contributed in all $47.35 of my means to the work.

Now, we have heard the command "Go Forward," and trusting in the promise "Lo, I am with you always," are endeavoring to obey, but lest we mind in our rejoicing over our achievements and celebrating our Jubilate, that we do not prepare to take our ease. Our opportunities are vast and certainly growing—whether we meet them, depends upon our relationship between us and our Lord. The future years shall mark glorious progress in Mission Work, and it is necessary for us to examine ourselves, for our Leader wants no half-hearted followers in His army. As we pass up the epoch

of organization and experience to this year's epoch of heroic achievement, let us rededicate ourselves one and all to this Mission Work, realizing as never before that God expects larger and better service from this year than ever before, and with the watchword "Progress" ever before us, be found in the forefront, trying to attain all the points laid out before us in the Standard of Excellence, and praising God that we have been accounted worthy to be colaborers with Christ, and take for our motto next year: "Study—to show yourselves approved, a workman that need not be ashamed," for God only asks of us, not another's best, but just our own.

God wants our best. He, in the far-off ages,
Once claimed the firstling of the flock, the finest wheat;
And still He asks His own, with gentlest pleading,
To lay thier highest hopes and brightest talents at His feet.
He'll not forget the feeblest service, humblest love;
He only asks that of our store, we give to Him the best we have.

Christ gives the best, He takes the hearts we offer
And fills them with His glorious beauty, joy and peace.
And in His service as we're growing stronger
The calls to grand achievement still increase.
The richest gifts for us, on earth or in the heaven above,
Are hid in Christ. In Jesus we receive the best we have.

And is our best too much? O friends, let us remember
How once our Lord poured out His soul for us,
And in the prime of His mysterious manhood
Gave up His precious life upon the cross.
The Lord of Lords, by whom the worlds were made,
Through bitter grief and tears, gave us the best He had.

Mrs. George E. Leftwich,
Associational Vice-President,
Wilmington, N. C.

At this time the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Lee Stephens, made her report, which showed a good deal of work done that went to help make our year's work a success.

REPORT OF SECRETARY

Our Vice-President, Mrs. George E. Leftwich, has asked me to make my report short and to the point. Since our meeting at Wrightsboro the twelfth of last September, when you elected me your Corresponding Secretary, I have done the following work and spent the following amount of money, which may seem very little to you, but nevertheless means quite a bit of work:

135 Letters
37 Blank Reports
15 Postal Cards
75 cents for Book to keep the minutes in.
$4.00 Postage

I have visited five Societies, besides the ones connected with the First Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C.; I also attended the State Convention in Raleigh in March, 1913; reported our meeting at Wrightsboro, N. C.; prepared all the work for the Minutes of our Association.

Money received for Expense Fund:

Atkinson	$ .50
W. M. U., First Church, Wilmington	2.00
Y. W. A., First Church, Wilmington	1.00
Brooklyn Baptist Church	1.00
Wrightsboro Baptist Church	1.00
Richlands Baptist Church	1.00
Total	$6.50

Paid for printing Programs	2.00
Other expenses Mrs. Leftwich	2.50
Expenses Miss Stephens	2.00
Total	$6.50

Respectfully submitted.
(Miss) Myrtle Lee Stephens,
Corresponding Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that both reports be accepted with thanks.

Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard, discussed the Training School at Louisville, and as she expects to be in training there this year she had given the subject a good deal of time and consideration, and we are trying to get our people to appreciate training for service as never before.

Miss Katie Corbett, Currie, spoke so sweetly of three of our faithful workers who have this past year preceded us to the better land, and Mrs. C. D. Weeks, Wilmington, sang "Growing Dearer Each Day," which was very appropriate and sweet as could be.

IN MEMORIAM

We come at this hour to pause in the work that must go on—that will go on—to pay tribute to the memory of those who during the past twelve months have passed away from us into the larger life. Their loss to us is always a mysterious dispensation of Providence, because we are never prepared for the supreme change. But we know their going is a joyous homecoming to the Father. We know, as well, that it is for them the leaving of the earthly tabernacle "for the house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." The cherishing of memories, fragrant with the aroma of good deeds rendered in the Master's name and for His sake, and unselfish loyalty to the things of the Kingdom, becomes a mighty stimulus to better and more heroic deeds in the same cause. And may we not, dear sisters, sing with them:

"For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who there by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are on in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia!"

Time cannot efface the memory of our loved ones who have preceded us to the spirit land. They are waiting to welcome us into the celestial city. And as we cross the bar may we not say with them:

"Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me;
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark;
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark;

For tho' from out our bourne of time and place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crost the bar."

Respectfully,
MISS NEWTON,
MISS JONES,
MISS THOMPSON,
MISS HOLTON,
MRS. BEASLEY,
MISS KATIE CORBETT,
Committee.

Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw, gave us her reasons for believing that every church needs a Women's Missionary Union, and I feel sure there were some present who will set out with a renewed determination to make their societies count for just what they should in the future.

"The Needs of Our Association," by Miss Myrtle Lee Stephens, were discussed fully and it was asked that same be included in the Minutes of our Association, and we hope much good may be derived from the study of same.

Mrs. S. H. Burtt, Wilmington, had for her subject "Tithing," and from personal experience she gave us some very interesting facts, which I trust many of us took home to ourselves and that much benefit will be derived from same.

We were very fortunate in having with us Miss Macey Cox, Vice-President of the Eastern Association, who talked to us on "Home Missions," also "Building," with reference to Sunbeam work, and both were very interesting indeed.

We closed our morning service by singing "Higher Ground" and prayer by Mr. W. M. Craig, of Wilmington.

I cannot refrain from saying something about the grand dinner that was spread on the grounds at noon, and every one present participated in all the good things and thoroughly enjoyed the noon hour eating and duscussing our morning work, which was so very interesting to every one.

In the afternoon we opened our services by singing "What a Friend We Have In Jesus," and Mrs. Leftwich read the Associational Standard of Excellence and the duties of the Vice-Presidents, urging each society to make the Standard of Excellence its guide as never before.

Then came the Sunbeam program, Mrs. J. W. Carroll, of Wallace, in charge, who told us about their Band, which is doing such a great work in that place. A little Sunbeam, Miss Flora May Cavanaugh, gave us an address of welcome, and Master John Hocutt, of Ashton, talked on "The Value of Sunbeam Work," and Master George E. Leftwich, Jr., sang "Somebody Knows," and taking all things in consideration, this was one of the interesting features of the day, for we fully realize the fact that our workers of the future are the Sunbeams of today.

The Jubilate program by the Young Women's Auxiliary of the First Church, Wilmington, with Mrs. E. P. Brock in charge, was so well gotten up and many really understood as never before what is meant by "Jubilate Year."

Miss Allie White, Wilmington, also gave us an outline of the new book, "In the King's Service," which we enjoyed so much, as we are so interested in the author and love the book as a whole, too.

We then sang "O Zion, Haste" and then came the very interesting address by Mr. W. M. Craig, Wilmington, on "Why Enlist the Young In Missions?" and surely the young people present will start to work while time and opportunity present themselves.

Mrs. C. B. Newcomb talked on "Experiences in Personal Service," and surely no one will ever say there is "Nothing I can do," when there is always work to be done just next door.

Mrs. George E. Leftwich was again made Vice-President of this work, but the office of Corresponding Secretary is yet to be filled, as the committee failed to come to any definite decision as to who should fill the vacancy soon to be

The people of Wallace as a whole helped to make our meeting the best we have ever had in the history of our Woman's Work.

Last year our motto was "Larger and Better Service," and this year our new theme is "Study—to show thyself approved, a workman that need not be ashamed."

Rev. Livingston Johnson, our State Secretary, preached one of the best State Mission sermons we have ever listened to, and we feel that our year's work has by no means been in vain, but that we are prepared as never before to accomplish great things for our Master in this great field of His, where laborers are needed to garner the sheaves into the Kingdom of God, and when we meet in Burgaw next September we hope to be able to prove that we have studied and are capable of showing ourselves approved, a workman that need not to be ashamed. Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE LEE STEPHENS,
Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, the Committee on Resolutions, do humbly submit the following for your consideration:

Resolved, First, That we heartily thank the people of Wallace for their true warm hearted Southern hospitality.

Second, That we appreciate the work done during the year by our Association Vice-President, Mrs. George E. Leftwich, and Corresponding Secretary, Miss Myrtle Lee Stephens, in the giving of their time and talent to such a laborious task, and that we deeply regret the loss of Miss Stephens and wish her God-speed in her chosen work.

Third, That we are glad to have with us Miss Macey Cox, Vice-President of the Eastern Association, who is such an inspiration in our work here; also Mr. Craig, Assistant Pastor of the First Church, Wilmington, who spoke so earnestly in regard to enlisting young people in Missions, and Rev. Livingston Johnson, our beloved and faithful State Mission Secretary.

Fourth, That we wish to thank the community at large, and every one who talked, sang or read, or in any way assisted in making our meeting a success.

Respectfully submitted,
(Miss) MARY LOU POWERS, Willard, N. C.
(Mrs.) C. B. NEWCOMB, Wilmington, N. C.

COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR 1913-1914

Executive Committee:

Mrs. C. D. Weeks, Wilmington (First Baptist Church).
Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Masonboro.
Mrs. J. M. Bowden, Ashton.
Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Atkinson.
Mrs. J. H. Bland, Burgaw.

Training School Committee:

Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington.
Mr. Marion Keith, Wilmington.
Miss Pearle Moore, Watha.

Committee on Obituaries:

Mrs. J. W. Carroll, Wallace.
Mrs. J. H. Hinton, Jacksonville.
Mrs. J. E. Taylor, Richland.
Mrs. E. P. Brock, Wilmington.

Committee on Time, Place, Ways and Means:

Time—Second Thursday in September, 1914.
Place—Burgaw Baptist Church, Burgaw, N. C.
Ways and Means—Each Society in this Association be requested to send the Secretary of the Association a small amount of money for the expenses of same.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. W. B. Muse, *Chairman*,
Mrs. S. H. Burtt,
Miss Lena Johnson,
Committee.

STATISTICS OF SOCIETIES

Churches	Society	President	Postoffice	No. Members	Total
Atkinson	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson	18	$26.20
Atkinson	Sunbeams		Atkinson		
Atkinson	Y. W. A.		Atkinson		
Bethlehem	W. M. U.	Mrs. F. Glieson	Currie	22	23.50
		(Box to the Orphanage.)			12.00
Burgaw	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. C. Dicksey	Burgaw	20	17.00
Burgaw	Sunbeams	Miss Mary Lou McCullen	Burgaw	30	4.63
Delgado	W. M. U.	Mrs. Mary Scott	Wilmington	12	7.80
Delgado	Sunbeams	Miss Margaret Ward	Wilmington	33	7.50
Emma's Chapel	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richland	13	9.70
Emma'sChapel	Sunbeams	Mrs. Annie Daughertry	Richland		
Brooklyn	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. J. Shepard	Wilmington	25	106.10
Brooklyn	Sunbeams	Miss Ray Grafflin	Wilmington		25.00
Ivanhoe		Mrs. J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe		
Jacksonville	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	20	47.45
Jacksonville	Sunbeams	Miss Etta Freeman	Jacksonville	34	12.11
Masonboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Wilmington	24	30.50
Masonboro	Y. W. A.	Mrs. A. D. Hewlett	Wilmington	8	2.35
Masonboro	Sunbeams	Miss Lena Herring	Wilmington	20	1.50
Riley's Creek	W. M. U.	Miss Emma Mahn	Rocky Point		
Riverside Chapel	Sunbeams	Master John Hocutt	Burgaw	20	5.25
Seagate	W. M U.	Mrs. J. W. Bell	Seagate	19	12.80
Seagate	Sunbeams	Miss Helen Stanland	Seagate	46	7.61
		(Twenty-six dresses and	ten dozen eggs to	Orphanage.)	
Southside	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin	Wilmington	49	46.55
Southside	Sunbeams	Mrs. Moore		32	12.02
Southside	Royal Ambassadors	Mrs. W. G. Hall	Wilmington	15	5.00
Wallace	W. M. U.	Mrs. F. J. Powers	Wallace	27	32.15
Wallace	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. W. Carroll	Wallace	55	40.32
Watha	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. A. Rivenbark	Watha		
Watha	Sunbeams	Miss Pearle Moore	Watha		
Willard	W. M. U.	Miss Mary Lou Powers	Willard	15	18.00
Wrightsboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. F. Dempsey	Wrightsboro	20	11.50
Wrightsboro	Sunbeams	Miss Margaret Wright	Wrightsboro	31	2.28
Wilmington First	W. M. U.	Mrs. B. T. Hopkins	Wilmington	84	716.42
Wilmington First	Y. W. A.	Mrs. J. W. Hale	Wilmington	10	357.55
Wilmington First	Y. W. A., Jr.	Miss Jennette Glenn	Wilmington	25	64.14
Wilmington First	Sunbeams	Mrs. L. F. Gore	Wilmington		16.92
Wilmington First	Royal Ambassadors	Mr. Julian Keith	Wilmington	21	71.10
			Total	748	1,752.75

176 New Members this year.
Three New Societies added; dropped four.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

W. G. HALL, Moderator.. .. ..Wilmington, N. C.
C. V. BROOKS, Vice Moderator .. ..Teachey, N. C.
J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk .. ..Wilmington, N. C.
W. B. RIVENBARK, Statistical Clerk .. ..Teachey, N. C.
F. P. POWERS, Treasurer .. ..Wallace, N. C.

COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee.

W. G. Hall, Chairman.	R. P. Hinton,	G. E. Leftwich,
F. P. Powers,	D. L. Gore,	J. T. Bland.

Standing Committees.

Sunday Schools, ... F. P. Powers.
Home Missions, ... E. L. Weston.
Foreign Missions, ... C. V. Brooks,
Orphanage, ... R. M. VonMiller,
Educational (Ministerial and General .....J. H. Foster
Men's Movement ..... G. E. Leftwich
Biblical Recorder, ... J. A. Sullivan
Woman's Work ..... W. B. Rivenbark
Temperance ..... J. T. Bland
Associational History and Obituary ..... C. E. McCullen
State Missions ..... O. N. Marshall
B. Y. P. U. ..... W. M. Craig.

Sunday School Committee.

W. B. Rivenbark. R. M. VonMiller, C. V. Brooks.

Order of Business.

J. A. Sullivan. J. H. Foster, O. N. Marshall.

Minsterial Register.

Barnes W. H.....Delway, N. C.
Beck, J. H. .....Sloop Point, N. C.
Booth, J. H. .....Rose Hill, N. C.
Brooks, C. V. ..... Wallace, N. C.
Carter, A. D. ..... Garland, N. C.
Craig, W. M. ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Dobson, J. H ..... Atkinson, N. C.
Early, B. G. ..... Rosehill, N. C.
Foster, J. H ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Goodeth, A. C. ..... Point Caswell, N. C.
Hall, W. G. ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Hilburn, R. M. ..... Bladenboro, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D. ..... Ashton, N. C.
Marshall, O. N. ..... Seagate, N. C.
Rivenbark, W. B. ..... Teachey, N. C.
Sullivan, J. A. ..... Wilmington, N. C.
Von Miller, R. M. ..... Jacksonville, N. C.
Weston, E. L. ..... Burgaw, N. C.
Wilson, S. B. ..... Delway, N. C.

Church Covenant

Having been led, as we believe, by Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinance, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's word.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, That when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertance the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall cooperate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain lellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By Appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at an annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the Roll of Churches and Enrolling Delegates.
2. Election of Officers.
3. Calling for Petitionary Letters.
4. Appointment of Committees.
5. Appointment of Corresponding Delegates.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Other Committees.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Incidental and Routine Motions shall be in order at any time.
11. Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourteenth Annual Session

OF

The Wilmington Association

October 6, 7 and 8th

Jacksonville, N. C., October 6th, 1914.

The Association convened with the Jacksonville Baptist Church Tuesday night, October 6th, at 7:45 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, W. G. Hall. The introductory sermon was preached by C. V. Brooks, text: Revelation 2:7.

The roll call of churches showed fifteen churches represented at the opening session.

The complete roll of messengers during the entire session was as follows:

1. Atkinson—Geo. W. Smith, W. B. Rivenbark.
2. Barlow's Chapel—D. F. Aman, Z. R. Thompson.
3. Bear Branch—Letter.
4. Bethlehem—E. L. Weston.
5. Burgaw—W. R. Harrell, J. T. Bland, H. I. Bowen, C. E. McCullen.
6. Canetuck—R. D. Pridgen.
7. Caswell.
8. Catherine Lake—John Marshburn.
9. Centerville.
10. Emma's Chapel—W. E. Taylor, O. B. Cox.
11. Harmony—Letter.
12. Haw Bluff—Letter.
13. Ivanhoe—Letter.
14. Jacksonville—E. I. Provow, R. N. Scott, E. I. Provost, M. B. Humphrey
15. Long Creek—L. S. Croom, L. L. Walker.
16. Masonboro—W. C. Cochran, Addison Hewlett.
17. Moore's Creek—Letter.
18. Mt. Holly.
19. Nat Moore—Letter.
20. Olivett—W. F. Shephard, F. C. Shephard.
21. Providence.
22. Riley's Creek.
23. Riverside—J. D. Hocutt.

24. Salem.
25. Seagate—O. N. Marshall, Ernest L. Rogers.
26. Shiloh.
27. Tar Landing.
28. Teachey—W. B. Baker, T. R. McMillan.
29. Wallace—F. P. Powers, C. V. Brooks.
30. Watha.
31. Wells' Chapel—R. F. Highsmith.
32. Willard—N. C. English.
33. Wilmington, First—J. H. Foster, B. T. Hopkins, Dr. A. M. Baldwin.
34. Wilmington,Southside—W. G. Hall, R. B. Moore, John T. Biddle, J. S. Canady.
35. Wilmington, Calvary—J. A. Sullivan, D. L. Gore, Miss Minnie Rivenbark.
36. WinterPark—W. O. Page, W. M. Craig.
37. Wrightsboro—W. D. Rhodes, Mrs. W. D. Rhodes, Geo. E. Leftwich, J. T. Ritter, Mrs. J. T. Ritter.

The organization was effected by electing the following officers: W. G. Hall, Moderator; C. V. Brooks, Vice Moderator; J. A. Sullivan, Clerk, and F. P. Powers, Treasurer.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business was presented by J. H. Foster. The report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the Finance Committee, Addison Hewlett, R. D. Pridgen, G. W. Smith.

W. B. Rivenbark was appointed to have charge of the blackboard chart.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. M. Craig.

Wednesday Morning.

The devotional service was conducted by O. N. Marshall.

On motion the program was changed to have Ministerial and General Education this morning and defer Temperance to Thursday at 10:15 A. M.

The report on Ministerial and General Education was presented by W. M. Craig.

Report On Education.

In submitting the report on Education it is encouraging to us all, to be reminded that great progress is being made. The time has been when we could hear on all sides this expression: "I can't afford to send my child to school." But now another expression has come into every-day usage which is indicative of the change wrought during the last few years: "I cannot afford to keep my child out of school." In this connection it might be well to congratulate the schools as they are offering many opportunities for the young person to get an education at a very moderate cost. In fact, within the reach of almost every one. This is one of the encouraging signs of the times that co-operation exists in our educational works as along other lines of activity.

There is one thing, however, about which we feel deeply concerned. The schools are doing much for our churches in giving us trained preachers and laymen. Are we in return giving to the schools all that we should? We were grieved beyond expression to read that in our neighbor State, South Carolina, one of the schools had to close for this session because of the small attendance of the students. The Baptists will feel keenly the loss of this institution in that section of the State where it is so badly needed.

We would suggest further, tha t this Association support the Dell School, at Delway, with its patronage and contributions.

For our people to be the greatest help to the church they must know something of the many things being done in our own denomination throughout the State. After a careful consideration we are fully convinced that our denominational papers should have our prayerful and earnest support. They should, as far as possible, be found in every home. If you are not doing much for your church, it is, perhaps, because you do not know much about your church.

May our aim throughout this year be to have a better knowledge of our Master, and a clearer conception of our duty.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. CRAIG.

The report was discussed by W. M. Craig, C. E. McCullen, C. V. Brooks, and then adopted.

The program was changed to have the B. Y. P. U. this morning, and the Biblical Recorder be deferred to Thursday, 11 A. M.

The following brethren were substituted in making reports at this session: C. V. Brooks, for Sunday Schools; J. T. Bland, on Biblical Recorder, and J. D. Hocutt, on Temperance.

The report on B. Y. P. U., by S. F. Garrison, was presented.

Report On B. Y. P. U.

What is the B. Y. P. U.? It is the training service of the Baptist Church. Young people that take advantage of the B. Y. P. U. as a training school will be the future pillars of the churches. It is not a rival of the church; in fact, the members of a good, live B. Y. P. U., as a rule, have more church pride than the other young people in the church who are not members, and are always willing to assist the pastor in any of his work. The times are progressing rapidly and in order to meet the demands, we will have to have trained leaders, as well as leaders with good common sense. An old Scotch dominie said one day to his class: "Ye must hae piety, learning and common sense. God gies ye the first, I gie ye the second; but if ye hae not the third, God hae mercy on ye. There are numbers of passages in the Bible that impress us with the idea of training, 2 Tim. 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." 1 Tim. 4:14: "Neglect not the

gift that is in thee." We have so many laymen in our churches that will not pray in public. Why? Because they were not taught in their youth, the gift was neglected. In all vocations men and women have to be trained in order to get the best results. Isn't God's work greater than all earthly tasks? Of course, everyone has not a talent for talking, but they have other talents that are very useful and that the churches need and the B. Y. P. U. can develop. A well-organized B. Y. P. U. meets the three-fold need of young people's natures. First, the spiritual need is met in the Bible readers' course and devotional meetings. Second, the intellectual need is met in the study of Bible doctrines and world-wide missions. Third, the social need is met in the social gatherings and entertainments. I have been trying to tell you so far what a B. Y. P. U. really is; now let us think about some of the real good results of a B. Y. P. U. I know a pastor in this Association who let his B. Y. P. U. have charge of one of his Sunday night services, do you think that he would have done so, if he had not had absolute confidence in the spirituality of those young people? The motto is: "We study that we may serve." Some one has referred to B. Y. P. U. as meaning "Baptist Young People Utilized." The churches have not been making the proper reports on B. Y. P. U. work in the past, and I would recommend that it be given more prominence in the reports and that the report be incorporated in the minutes of this Association, so that we will be able to keep in closer touch with one another, and will know where they should be established.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. GARRISON.

The report was discussed by C. V. Brooks and W. M. Craig and then adopted.

The next subject for consideration was the State of the Churches. Representatives from the various churches explained conditions existing in the local fields.

On motion, it was decided to take a collection at the night service to raise $4.43 for the blackboard charts in use during the sessions.

The State Mission report was presented by J. A. Sullivan.

State Missions Report.

In North Carolina, 249,539 Baptists gave $44,891.22 other than that spent in carrying on evangelistic work in their own churches, for sending the gospel to the lost in their own State. Think of it, a two-cent stamp per capita every six weeks for the salvation of lost North Carolinians. It is only a little better than that in the Wilmington Association. Here, 4,752 Baptists gave $1,186.03 to the same cause. Yes, a two-cent stamp per capita offering every four weeks for the destitute parts of the Old North State. Brethren, have we a just claim to the title "Missionary" Baptists? Can we

not make it at least one two-cent stamp per capita every two weeks? This will be twice as much as we are doing now.

Of the 2,054 Baptist churches in the State, 1,370 reported an average of ten baptisms each for the year. If the 684 churches reporting no baptisms had done as well, there would have been nearly 20,000 baptisms.

The greatest sin of omission chargeable to the one quarter million Baptists in this State is their failure to reach the lost within reach, and at practically no additional expense. The contributions for State Missions are needed, but the greatest service we can render is increased effort to reach the lost within easy range of our churches. They are there by the thousands.

Brethren, can we not do better? Will we not do more? It is not, "We will if we can;" nor "We can if we will," but "We can AND we will."

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SULLIVAN.

The report was discussed by E. L. Weston, J. A. Sullivan and J. H. Foster, and then the following resolution was offered by J. H. Foster and adopted:

"Resolved, That this Association endorse the 'Won By One' method suggested by Brother Sullivan and urge church members to use the method systematically and prayerfully."

The Moderator announced the following committees:

To Nominate the Executive Committee—C. E. McCullen, W. O. Page, J. S. Cannady.

Time, Place and Preacher—H. I. Bowen, W. B. Baker, M. B. Humphrey.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. B. Rivenbark

Wednesday Afternoon.

The devotional service was conducted by the Moderator.

The report of Mrs. G. E. Leftwich, Associational Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Union, was read by J. A. Sullivan.

Report on Woman's Missionary Union.

To the Wilmington Association.

Dear Brothers: Woman's work in the Wilmington Association has a large place in the hearts and minds of the ministers as well as the laymen. It gives me real pleasure to relate a few of the facts regarding the work among the ladies. We have at this year's closing 1,034 women, young ladies, boys and girls enlisted in the different societies. Last year there was more interest in all lines of work manifested and more interest taken by the leaders as a whole. More literature taken, more mission study, more personal service, and in some cases, more money given. Whereever there was a falling off I found a real cause for it.

There are about 25 new women each year added to our list, that with a little training and study, will develop into useful

and strong help in the churches. They need to be put to work and encouraged often.

My work this year has had some encouraging features, and with more than one woman to do the work next year, I see no reasons why we all will not feel encouraged. This year we added four district ladies to the list. A Personal Service Department, a Y. W. A. Sunbeam Committee, a Financial and Literature Committee, and with our plans well laid out for us this 1914 to 1915, we expect to accomplish a great deal more, for the one whom we desire to honor.

This year the Vice President has traveled 1,310 miles, visited State Convention, made twenty-six talks, visited twenty-eight of the thirty-six societies, written 268 letters, thirty-three postcards, dictated three cards while in "quarantine," answered eighteen long distance 'phone calls, seventy-two 'phone calls, entertained thirty-three ladies during the year for dinner, tea or lunch, while here to talk over the work, had fifty-four visits from others in regard to the work, twenty-one visits by the pastors of the Association to talk over the work, made twenty-three visits in the interest of the work, enlisted sixteen new members, written sixteen articles for papers, spent 672 hours on the work—or twenty-seven days—spent of my means, $75.34. Will not the pastors encourage the ladies to make high aims in their work this year? For low aim is a crime, certainly it is a death to progress, and help them to realize what our motto means this year: "Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might," and as we all start out in a new year let's set up our banner, and on our banner inscribe this motto: "A whole people, giving a whole gospel, to the whole world;" and then, and not until then, will be be fulfilling the commission, "Go ye."

Thanking you one and all, for your help during this year, and asking God's richest blessings on each one in the coming year.

Respectfully,
MRS. G. E. LEFTWICH.

The report was discussed by J. A. Sullivan and J. T. Bland and adopted.

C. V. Brooks presented the report on Sunday Schools.

Report on Sunday Schools.

In their efforts to bring the children into the school the teaching force of the church should have the co-operation of all the church members. Those who cannot attend the sessions of the school should become members of the Home Department.

We recommend to the churches:

First. That suitable rooms and equipment be provided for teaching purposes.

Second. That the teachers be encouraged to take the normal course offered by the Sunday School Board.

Third. That the churches insist that their teachers and officers attend the annual Sunday School Association, and that a

certificate of attendance be recorded in the church records in recognition of their desire for development.

Fourth. That the adult classes be Convention Berean and Fidelis instead of Baraca and Philathea as independent class organizations.

Fifth. That the churches support and co-operate with our Secretary, Brother E. L. Middleton, and contribute to Sunday School Missions in the spirit of loyalty and liberality.

C. V. BROOKS,
Chairman Committee.

The report was adopted after discussion by C. V. Brooks.

W. B. Rivenbark presented the report on the Orphanage.

Report On The Orphanage.

The care of the unfortunate is a natural and fundamental expression of Christianity. Jesus was in His ministry what He would have us be. He glorified childhood and so related His gospel to the physical wants of life that we cannot hope to save the soul unless we also provide for the body.

So far Orphanage work has been the principal form of our benevolence, largely because it has been showing the most tangible results. Children are already being received at the Kennedy Home. Within a short while there will be more than fifty children there. The Miles Durham Nursery for very small children, at Thomasville, will be completed before the Winter months. If this is filled with children and we provide for those that are being received at the Kennedy Home, the current expenses must be increased $10,000 over last year.

Among North Carolina Baptists nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the kingdom as the Orphanage work. Thus in the larger work of the kingdom the little child is the leader.

Since the reception of the first child, November 11th, 1885, 1,516 have been enrolled and the present number is 430, with about 500 by the end of the year. The average cost per child is $107.64 a year. The health record for the past year has been excellent, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

Large and valuable additions are being made to the plant at Thomasville. A modern dairy barn has been completed. This deprtment of work along with the various other industrial features are to be emphasized. A splendid auditorium for church worship will be completed within a year. The erection of this greatly needed building was made possible by the bequest of the late Dr. S. W. Little, of Davie county. Three new school rooms have been added with improvements on the old school building.

A tenth grade has been put in the school course for the purpose of giving those who leave the Orphanage a better preparation for life's struggles. We would, therefore, recommend:

First. That every Sunday School set aside one Sunday in each

month as Orphanage Day. Second. A club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School. Third. A liberal Thanksgiving offering emphasizing the importance of "Work Day," giving not less than one day's work to the Orphanage.

Finally, brethren, let us constantly keep in mind the appeal of the Larger Orphanage and remember as we save the child we not only save the State but we save ourselves, and in doing this we find our greatest happiness. W. B. RIVENBARK.

The report was discussed by W. B. Rivenbark, J. H. Foster and G. E. Leftwich, and then adopted.

On motion of C. E. McCullen the Association decided to try to raise $300 for the Dell School Loan Fund, and the Executive Committee was requested to apportion the amount among the churches, the same to be published in the minutes. The motion was discussed by C. E. McCullen, G. E. Leftwich, J. T. Bland and J. D. Hocutt.

On motion of C. V. Brooks the Association agreed to allow one page in the minutes to the Sunday School Association.

J. T. Bland was elected a trustee of the Dell School.

C. V. Brooks was elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. B. Rivenbark, E. L. Weston and J. A. Sullivan were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

W. G. Hall was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

On motion, W. G. Hall, G. E. Leftwich and W. M. Craig were appointed to co-operate with the Clerk in condensing the body of the minutes.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. A. Sullivan.

Evening Session.

The devotional service was conducted by the Moderator.

An offering was made amounting to $7.56 to pay for the blackboard chart.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by E. L. Weston, Text Luke 16:9, Subject, "Money."

O. N. Marshall presented the report on Home Missions.

Report On Home Missions.

We learn through our Home Mission Board that 30,000 baptisms were reported by our missionaries supported wholly or in part by our Home Mission Board, last year, and more than 56,000 additions to Baptist churches; one might think by this statement that the home mission task had been solved, but when we review the statistics and see in 1880 the population of the South was 18,000,000 and today 33,000,000 and 22,000,000 of this number make no profession of religion, more than the entire population 35 years ago, we are called on to support the Home Mission Board as we never have been before in the history of our age.

I find a falling off, as to the Wilmington Association, I call your attention to the report last year, showing six Home Mission churches, in the Wilmington Association that did not contribute anything to Home Missions. According to our minutes of 1913 there were eleven churches that show no contribution to this object, and many of our stronger churches make very small contributions. These figures show that an alarming cry should be sounded forth for Home Missions in our Association.

Other denominations are making no little effort to do this work; but we Southern Baptist have have the right of way for an advanced step above any other denomination, "why not take it now"? With our forces marshalled under the director of the Home Board, and a co-operative effort on the part of the entire denomination, it only remains for Southern Baptist to lead the world in organized and effective evangelism. They are blazing the way! They are pioneers! Why should not the mighty militant denomination that clings closest to the doctrines and practices of our Lord and his apostles be the most passionate in their desires and the most zealous in their efforts to win lost men to Christ? Others may follow. Let us hope they will. But we must follow our leaders, in their effort to lead the world in this our most glorious undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,

O. N. MARSHALL.

J. H. Foster presented the report on Foreign Missions.

Report On Foreign Missions.

We are standing at the cross-roads of history. Possibly before the convening of our next association the whole map of Europe will have been changed.

While men at the battle front are laying down their lives, while they are spending fifty million dollars a day for war, the appeal from the Foreign field is greater than ever before. To no generation since time begun has such a challenge come. It is a decisive hour for Christian Missions. Never have non-Christian people been so ready to receive the gospel—God is summoning us to mould the character of the coming life. Other countries with their financial institutions strained to the uttermost cannot do even as much as they have done in the past. More than thirteen millions of the money given to Foreign Mission last year came from England, Germany, Canada and continental Europe. They must of necessity retrench this year. God is calling to the churches of our land to fill the breaches. It is unthinkable that we should fail to respond.

Gifts to the work this year were $44,000.00 in excess of last year. Yet we have a debt of $68,000 on our Board.

We should determine to do our part toward diminishing that debt.

We are entering upon the third year of the Judson Centennial fund. In cash and pledges there has been raised $602,774.41. We would urge generous gifts to this purpose. It is not to interfere with other interests but must not be sidetracked for other interests.

We would imphasize the importance of the every member canvass, the necessity of those already giving becoming larger givers and those churches not yet enlisted falling in line.

Many do not give because they are not informed. In order to increase the intelligence of our members concerning this great work and to enable our people to work together harmoniously we recommend that every pastor appoint a committee to canvass his church members and try to place the Foreign Mission Journal in every home. It is high time to awake out of our sleep. The fields are ripe unto the harvest. Let us thrust in the sickle and reap.

In the name of our God let us set up our banners.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FOSTER.

These reports were discussed jointly by O. N. Marshall and J. H. Foster and then adopted.

The Committee on nominating the Executive Committee submitted the following which was adopted:

We, your committee, after careful consideration, recommend, as members of the Executive Committee the following brethren:

Rev. W. G. Hall, Brethren D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton, F. P. Powers, G. E. Leftwich and J. T. Bland.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. McCULLEN,
J. S. CANNADY,
W. O. PAGE.

On motion of G. E. Leftwich, the Executive Committee was asked to carefully investigate the condition of the non-reporting churches.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher submitted the following report:

We, the committee, on time and place for next meeting of the Wilmington Association beg to report,

That the Association will meet with Long Creek Church Wednesday, after the first Sunday in October, 1915.

The Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. O. N. Marshall, alternate Rev. E. L. Weston.

The Missionary Sermon by Rev. J. H. Foster, D. D.; alternate, Rev. C. V. Brooks.

Respectfully submitted by
H. I. BOWEN,
W. B. BAKER,
M. B. HUMPHREY.

Adjourned with prayer by C. V. Brooks.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Association convened at 9:45. W. B. Rivenbark conducted devotional services. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

J. D. Hocutt presented the report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Perhaps the greatest menace to society, the greatest demoralizing agency, the greatest hindrance to the world's progress, the greatest block to the cause of Christianity in the world today is the liquor traffic.

We are told that a billion and one half of dollars is spent annually in the United States for strong drink. That a hundred thousand men die annually as the result of the whiskey traffic. That today there are two bar rooms to every church in this country. That ninety per cent of the crime is caused by strong drink. In the face of these facts who can wonder at the great moral reform that has been inaugurated, in the form of the temperance cause that is now sweeping this country. The temperance cause is moving grandly forward. We have now in the Union ten States that have voted for prohibition, the last was Virginia, with a decisive majority of 35,000. We have four states viz: California, Idaho, Oregon, and Montana, where a prohibition election is now pendong with fair prospects of winning. These facts prove that prohibition sentiment is growing, that the moral and religious forces of this country are organizing and determined as never before to rid this country of the whiskey traffic, the greatest demoralizing agency in the world today.

Far-seeing statesmen are prophesying that the time is not for distant, when not only a few States, but the whole of these United States will become prohibition.

To this end Christians of every name should work and pray.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. HOCUTT.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. D. Hocutt.

J. T. Bland presented the report on the Biblical Recorder.

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

We cannot have and need not expect to have earnest interest and co-operation on the part of the membership of our churches in the great enterprises of the denomination, mission, educational and other objects, beneficence, unless our people have information on these subjects. In the Biblical Recorder, the organ of our Convention, we have an agency adequate and efficient for furnishing the information, and it being our paper, it calls upon us to use it.

It has a glorious history from its founding in 1830 by Thomas Meredith, through all the years and is today one of the best papers

of its kind published. The cost is only $1.50 per year and is worth far more than its cost in any family where it is read.

All readers of the Recorder should be active agents for increasing the subscription lists, and our pastors should be special agents for the same purpose because the paper helps them not only to preach and press the various causes of the convention, but really helps them to collect their salaries.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. BLAND.

The report was adopted after discussion by D. L. Gore, W. B. Rivenbark and J. A. Sullivan.

W. G. Hall offered the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your committee beg to report that we have secured from the State Mission Board the following amounts:

Seagate—Rev. O. N. Marshall	$ 3.00.00.
Seagate—Rev. O. N. Marshall	$300.00.
Southside, Wilmington—Rev. W. G. Hall	150.00.
Onslow Field—Rev. R. M. Von Miller	250.00
Hampstead and Olivet—Rev. J. D. Hocutt	50.00.
Wallace and Teachey—Rev. C. V. Brooks	150.00
Nat Moore—Rev. A. D. Carter	50.00
Watha—Rev. W. H. Barnes	25.00.
Total	$975.00

We think this money well spent and all the fields give good reports of the work done. The Seagate field is going forward as never before. At Wallace and Teachey the work is in good shape. The Onslow field is in the best shape in the history of the work. At Southside the work is steadily going forward. We earnestly ask the churches aided by the board to relieve the Mission Board as early as possible of at least a part of the amount now given, that the Board may take up new work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL, Chairman.

The report was discussed by W. G. Hall and D. L. Gore, W. B. Rivenbark was elected statistical secretary to have charge of the blackboard chart.

G. E. Leftwich presented the report on the Men's Movement.

Men's Movement.

A new name—but an old practice—Since the early days of the Christian Church when the Lord called Andrew and Philip, and they anxious for the salvation of their friends went out and brought them to Jesus until today there are those who are active in trying to save the lost. Our state is active under the leader-

ship of Prof. C. E. Brewer and the great meeting in Durham last spring was the result of their efforts.

Your local committee has during the year visited 18 churches and did his best to arouse the interest of the large army of idle Baptists in our association. Little has been done—much to be done—won't you rally around our state committee and make their much needed work a success?

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Committee.

The report was discussed by G. E. Leftwich, F. P. Powers and W. B. Rivenbark.

On motion of W. B. Rivenbark, it was decided to appoint a committee of laymen to co-operate with G. E. Leftwich in the interest of the Laymen's Movement. The following are the names of the committee: G. E. Leftwich, chairman; J. P. Herring, T. S. Teague, C. E. McCullen and F. P. Powers.

The moderator announced the following standing committees: (See Page 3 for list).

C. E. McCullen offered the report on Associational History and Obituary, which was adopted.

Report On Associational History.

This association was organized in 1901 with 13 churches, all coming from the Old Eastern Association. We have grown now to the number of 37 churches.

OBITUARY.

We note with sadness that several of our members are absent, having passed over the river and entered into the higher life, since our last Association. Among the number being: Rev. J. A. Smith, a Father in Israel who preached the first annual sermon to this body; Bro. J. W. Brown one of the founders and faithful members of the Burgaw church; Bro. H. L. Peterson, a deacon and useful member of Southside; Bro. Geo. Corbett, of Bethlehem; Sisters C. C. Williamston and Van Sneeden and Logan Rogers, of Seagate; J. P. Walton, of Masonboro; Bro. S. L. Smith, of Calvary, one of the charter members of the church, and several other useful and consecrated members.

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. McCULLEN.

F. P. Powers was appointed a trustee of Dell School.

The Association made a special offering in cash and pledges amounting to $24.00 to complete the fund for printing the minutes.

The Association decided, on motion, to send minutes to all the churches of the Association.

R. F. Highsmith and G. E. Leftwich were appointed to express to the absent pastor, R. M. Von Miller and his family our sincere regrets at the circumstances connected with his enforced absence.

The Association adjourned with prayer by D. W. Herring, of China.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional service was conducted by W. B. Rivenbark.

The remaining time of the Association was devoted to the visitors: Brethren D. W. Herring, of China; Walter N. Johnson, of the Wake Forest Church; F. B. Hamrich, of the Orphanage, and J. H. Gorrell, of Wake Forest College.

D. W. Herring delivered the first address on the work in China.

W. N. Johnson spoke in behalf of the Wake Forest Church.

The Association voted to raise $500.00 for Wake Forest church by November 15th.

Prof. J. H. Gorrell spoke in behalf of Wake Forest College.

F. B. Hamrich spoke in behalf of the Orphanage.

G. E. Leftwich offered the following resolution for the committee:

Whereas: One of the most successful and enthusiastic meetings of our Association is now drawing to a close and whereas the Spiritual atmosphere and sweet fellowship will long be remembered our pang of sadness has thrown its shadow on the entire proceedings. The absence in Germany of the beloved pastor of the local field, Bro. R. M. Von Miller,

Resolved, that we extend to the local field and his family our sincere sympathy in their hour of separation and pray our Father that a reunion be speedy.

Resolved Second, That a copy of this resolution be sent to his family and the Jacksonville Church.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HIGHSMITH,
G. E. LEFTWICH.

W. B. Rivenbark offered the following resolution:

Sunday School Association.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors to the Wilmingon Baptist Association desire to extend our hearty thanks to the good people of Jacksonville for their excellent manner of entertainment and for their numerous kind attentions, and wish to thank the Methodist Church for the use of their building so kindly loaned to our Ladies for their meeting.

Our motion of C. V. Brooks, the clerk, was instructed to proceed immediately with the publication of the minutes without waiting for church letters not now in.

The Association adjourned with the doxology and prayer by W. N. Johnson, to meet with the Long Creek Church Wednesday, after the first Sunday in October, 1915.

W. G. HALL, Moderator.
J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk.

The Wilmington Baptist Sunday School Association

The Wilmington Baptist Sunday School Association will hold its next annual meeting with the church at Wells Chapel August 27th to 29th, 1915.

Officers.

President—Rev. W. B. Rivenbark.
Vice President—J. T. Bland.
Secretary—Miss Nell Dempsey.

Executive Committee.

Rev. C. V. Brooks, Chairman.
Rev. E. L. Weston, Rev. O. N. Marshall,
E. T. Batson, N. H. Carter, Secretary and Treasurer.

At the last session at Willard the Executive Committee was instructed to prepare the programme, and purchase a portable blackboard.

The teachers and officers of the churches are earnestly requested to attend the sessions, and bring the new Normal Manual for special class work. It is the purpose of the committee to secure the service of our Sunday School secretary for the work of teacher training during the three days of the Association.

The hospitality of Wells Chapel Church is generous. You will be met with conveyance at Wallace or Kerr if you will write the superintendent, Brother W. J. Rooks, Wallace, N. C.

C. V. BROOKS,
For Committee.

Amount Apportioned to Churches to Be Raised This Year for Dell School

Atkinson	$15.00
Barlow's Chapel	12.50
Bethlehem	10.00
Bear Branch	5.00
Burgaw	15.00
Canetuck	10.00
Caswell	5.00
Caterville	10.00
Emma's Chapel	10.00
Harmony	5.00
Haw Bluff	5.00
Ivanhoe	10.00
Jacksonville	15.00
Long Creek	10.00
Masonboro	10.00
Moore's Creek	10.00
Mt. Holly	10.00
Nat Moore	2.50
Olivet	2.50
Providence	5.00
Riley's Creek	10.00
Riverside	2.50
Shiloh	10.00
Salem	5.00
Seagate	5.00
Tar Landing	2.00
Teachey	10.00
Wallace	15.00
Watha	2.50
Willard	10.00
Wrightsboro	5.00
First Church, Wilmington	50.00
Calvary, Wilmington	25.00
Southside, Wilmington	10.00
Winter Park	5.00
Catherine Lake	2.50
Wells Chapel	10.00

(See Tables in Back of Book).

MINUTES

OF THE

Fourth Annual Session

OF

Woman's Missionary Union of Wilmington Association

BURGAW, N. C.

The fourth annual meeting of the Wilmington W. M. U. met with the church at Burgaw, Thursday morning, September 10th, 1914, with Mrs. Geo. E. Leftwich, Associational Vice President, presiding.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. W. C. Dixie, of Burgaw. She read the Sixth Chapter of Ephesians, which contains the yearly motto of the Union: "Be strong In the Lord." Mrs. Weston, of Burgaw, then led in prayer.

The address of welcome was very fittingly and pleasingly expressed by Mrs. R. T. Murray, of Burgaw. She made us all feel that we were no longer visitors, but very much at home. Mrs. Alexander Southerland, of Wallace, voiced the sentiments of us all in a few well-chosen words of appreciation, in response.

The Union found itself without a secretary and Mrs. E. P. Brock, of Wilmington, was elected to that office, pro. tem.

The union was fortunate in having several noted visitors present, and took the occasion to formally recognize and welcome them individually. They were Rev. C. Almon Upchurch, Field Worker in Enlistment Department of State and Home Mission Work in North Carolina; Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, and Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor Southside Baptist Church, Wilmington; also Miss Macey Cox, Associational Vice President of the Eastern Association, and Miss Minnie Middleton, Representative of the State Central Committee in the interest of the Training School.

The Vice President gave a complete survey and report of the work of the Association for the year, together with her annual address. While the report showed that many of the societies had not done as well this year as last, yet Mrs. Leftwich made us feel that "Not failure but low aim is crime," and her address contained advice for us to attempt larger things for the coming year. The report showed that the Association, as a whole, had exceeded its financial aims by several hundred dollars.

A song, "'Neath the Banner of the Cross," was sung by the congregation, every one seeming to sing with the spirit.

Mrs. C. D. Weeks, of Wilmington, read a report of a meeting of the Executive Committee which was held at the home of the Vice President last May.

Mrs. J. T. Bland, of Burgaw, then gave her report as Associational Treasurer.

Mrs. J. W. Carroll read a most beautifully expressed report on obituaries in which she said that it was in memory of those of our ranks who had passed away, but whose names she had been unable to obtain.

Then came the appointment of committees for the following objects: Time, Place, Ways and Means, Literature, Resolutions, Nominations, Personal Service, Y. W. A., and Sunbeam Work.

Mrs. F. J. Dempsey, of Wrightsboro, read the Standard of Excellence for the Association. This was followed by short talks on the subject by the Vice President and others.

Miss Minnie Middleton spoke interestingly on "Some Special Needs In W. M. U. Work."

Mrs. J. H. Darden, of Wrightsboro, talked on "Duties of a Vice President." This was followed by a talk on "The Relation and Duties of Societies to the Vice President," by Miss Minnie Middleton.

"Woman's Part In State Missions," was ably discussed in a paper by Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of Wilmington.

During the time assigned for questions and exchange of plans, Rev. J. A. Sullivan presented to the Union his "Won By One Plan," of trying to save souls, and Rev. C. A. Upchurch, Miss Cox and others discussed the work among the boys of our churches.

The morning session then closed with a hymn followed by prayer, led by Brother Sullivan.

Thursday Afternoon.

After enjoying a bountiful luncheon which had been prepared by the ladies of Burgaw, re-assembled at 2:00 o'clock.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung followed by prayer, led by Rev. W. G. Hall.

Mrs. Marshall, wife of the pastor at Seagate, read a most timely paper on "Value of Literature."

Mrs. Addison Hewlett, of Masonboro, read a paper on "Personal

Mrs. Addison Hewlett of Masonboro, read a paper on "Personal this much needed work.

Miss Minnie Middleton talked on the Training School and Settlement Work, and told very vividly of the great work being done in Louisville by the Training School girls.

The Union was favored by a solo, "Open My Eyes That I May See," by Mr. W. B. Muse.

Enlistment and Home Mission Work was very forceably presented by Rev. C. Almond Upchurch.

The Sunbeam hour, conducted by Mrs. J. W. Carroll, of Wallace, consisted of pleasing songs, recitations, etc., made some

of the older ones feel that they were ashamed to again say, "I can't." Another instructive feature of the Sunbeam hour was a talk by Miss Macey Cox, in which she used illustrative charts, whereby the work of the Master was made plain to the little folks.

The Union tendered a rising vote of thanks to Rev. Upchurch and Misses Cox and Middleton for the helpfulness of their presence and talks.

The afternoon session was then closed with prayer, led by Brother Upchurch.

Thursday Night.

At 7:30 o'clock we again assembled at the church where we were very pleasantly and instructively entertained with a play given by thirty-six young ladies who had been trained by Miss Mary Lou Powers, of Willard. This represented a year of life as it really exists among the Training School girls. At the close of this part of the programme, Mrs. Thomas rendered a solo, which touched the hearts of all present in its sweetness of religious fervor. Then came the last of the day's programme. The annual sermon, by Rev. W. G. Hall. He preached from Revelations, showing how the "White Horse" represents purity and its rider, Jesus Christ, and how it behooves us all to be prepared, so that we need not be afraid of the "Pale Horse."

Friday Morning.

Devotional service was led by Mrs. E. P. Brock, representing the Y. W. A. Society of the First Church of Wilmington.

Minutes of the preceding day's meeting were read and adopted.

Miss Josie Lathrop, representing the Junior Y. W. A. Society of the Wilmington First Church, read a paper on "Plans for the Ensuing Year," which had been carefully prepared by Mrs. George Darden.

A talk on mountain schools by Mrs. E. P. Brock, in which she presented a plea for the raising of sixty-five dollars, which is needed for the completion of a four hundred dollar loan fund for Fruitland Institute. This plea was cheerfully responded to by a subscription of twenty-five dollars from the Union.

The Vice President made a thrilling appeal in behalf of our Orphanage at Thomasville. Miss Julia Hayes also spoke effectively of our Orphanage work.

The following recommendations from the Nomination Committee were adopted:

For Associational Vice President—Mrs. Geo. E. Leftwich.

For Associational Vice President—W. C. Dixie.

For Treasurer—Mrs. J. T. Bland.

For Sunbeam Leader—Mrs. J. H. Carroll.

For Chairman Personal Service Committee—Mrs. Addison Hewlett.

For Y. W. A. Leader—Miss Lula Powers.

For Chairman Literary Committee—Mrs. O. N. Marshall.

The above officers were duly installed and pledged themselves to execute to the best of their ability the duties assigned them.

In addition to officers named, the following District Leaders were appointed as per recommendations:

For Burgaw District—Miss Sallie Harrell.

For Atkinson District—Miss Katie Smith.

For Wilmington District—Mrs. F. J. Dempsey.

For Onslow District—Mrs. R. P. Hinton.

Miss Mary Lou Powers, of Willard, was appointed chairman of the Training School Committee.

Report from the Committee on Resolutions read and adopted.

The last few minutes of the meeting were taken up with expressions of appreciation and inspiration, as well as determination to do better things for the Master. The men who were so faithful to us, testified that even they had gained much from having been with us.

Mr. J. T. Bland, who was untiring in his efforts to make us feel comfortable and pleasant during our entire stay in his town, dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The Union will meet next year with the church at Seagate.

MRS. E. P. BROCK,
Secretary Pro Tem.

Wilmington, N. C., September 14th, 1914.

Our Plans for 1914-1915.

1. That the spirituality of the individual members be increased and as a means to this end, that much stress be laid upon Daily Reading of the Bible and Prayer and that if possible more persons be induced to lead in Prayer at the Meetings of the Societies.

2. That as we need more information as to our own work, a special effort be made to have a Mission Study Class in all the Societies.

3. That Personal Service committees be appointed in each Society, young and old with a chairman and that a record be kept of the work and reported to the Association Chairman twice every year. First for the Annual State Meeting, Second for the Annual Association Meeting.

4. That the Home Field, the Foreign Mission Journal, the Mission Journal, known after September 1st as the "In Royal Service" appearing monthly and the Bibical Recorder be taken in the homes of our women and that we carefully study and read the page of our W. M. U. work in the Recorder each week and in that way keep posted about the work and that we pass our information to some less fortunate than ourselves.

5. That we add four new Societies to our list this year and that each Society not reporting in four quarters will be dropped from the list.

6. That we do not forget the Expense fund in May for the Central Committee and the Progress fund in August for our Association work.

7. That we contribute more liberally this year to the Training School and teach the rising generation about this work.

8. That the Standard of Excellence be our Standard for our work.

9. That the Questionaires be answered and returned each year to the Central Committee in Raleigh in time for the Annual State Meeting and that we prepare our own Annual report and keep a record of our own work in each Society in our Association and send a copy of the same each year to these Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. D. LEWIS,
Atkinson, N. C.

Organizations At Present.

18—Woman's Missionary Societies.
13—Sunbeams.
4—Young Woman's Auxilliaries.
2—Junior Y. W. A.
2—R. A. Chapters.
39—Societies.

New Organizations.

Calvary, Y. W. A.
Calvary, Jr., Y. W. A.
Calvary, R. A.
Wrightsboro, Sunbeams.
Winter Park, Womans Missionary Union, Sunbeams, Y. W. A. and R. A.
Canetuck, W. M. U.
Teachey, Womans Missionary Union.
Wallace, Y. W. A.
Atkinson, Sunbeams.

Died.

Wrightsboro, Sunbeams.
First Baptist, R. A.
Southside, R. A.
Seagate, Sunbeams.
Riley's Creek, Sunbeams.
Watha, Sunbeams.
Riley's Creek, W. M. U.
Dead Seven, Organized new Nine.

Reported Every Quarter During 1913-1914.

W. M. U.
Calvary.

Southside.
Masonboro.
Wilmington First Church.
Richlands.
Y. W. A's First Church.
Sunbeams Wilmington First Church and Wallace.
Burgaw W. M. U. Leads the Association.
Last year $17.00; this $60.65.
W. M. U.
Honorable Mention.
Southside.
Wallace.

Leaders	Sunbeams.
Delgado	last year $ 7.80 this year $11.79
Wallace	last year $34.06 this year $40.32.

Wallace, Sunbeams.
Roll of Honor for the State.
Y. W. A. First Church, Wilmington.

Junior Y. W. A. First Church, Wilmington deserves honorable mention.

Y. W. A. First Church, Wilmington leads Association.

One hundred and fifty new members this year.

Five Mission Study Classes, studying in Royal Service and Southern Baptists in Foreign Mission. Four Societies with organized Personal Service work. Thirty Home Fields Taken. One hundred Foreign Mission Journals, seventy-five Home Mission Journals. One third of our women taking the Bibical Recorder, one-sixth of our women reading the Recorder.

The Mission Study books used in our Association in the past four years are as follows:

Southern Baptists in Foreign Missions.
In Royal Service.
Whys and Hows of Missions.
Aliens or Americans.
Africa.
Brazilian Sketches.

Contributed last year, 1913 to 1914, to State work, $1,307.37; $192.63 less than the aim, which was $1,500.00.

In reviewing the history of the past twenty years of the Wilmington Association, I find at no time have her churches been so well taken care of. At no time have the churches been so well organized. No time when there was so much preaching, teaching, training, giving as today. No time when men and women alike are planning, studying for the general uplift of the unsaved around their own, and yet I find in this Association thirty-six original churches, thirty-three having services, one,two, three and four times per month, and three that are practically closed.

I find the pastors loyal, sympathetic, interested and willing at all times to help the women in their work. I also find our new Home Field Worker doing fine and lasting work in our territory,

and this year the woman's work has been strengthened greatly by his co-operation.

Looking back over the four years which you have borne me with my utterances as your Vice President, my articles, my leaflets, letters, talks and numberless communications by pen and voice, I find in all but one chord. My tones may have been varied, but they always ended with the upward swing of hope and joy.

With our Motto the past year, "Study to show yourself approved unto God. A workman that need not be ashamed," we realized as never before that with our increase of knowledge the increase of responsibility.

To the women of this Association, I feel I must say a word to speak of their unfailing faith and their fervent prayers that have made it possible for things to come to pass. For their loyalty and co-operation that has made this a pleasant field to work in.

We are living in times so full of swift changes and of absorbing interests and of widening opportunities, that we cannot escape service of some sort, and so I appeal to all the women not enlisted to join the forces of our Woman's Missionary Union, and as you glance out at the field already white unto harvest, do the first thing you find at hand, and as you hear the cry "Come over and help us", be found in the fore front **Serving the Master**

"For He leads us on by paths we did not know,
Upward He leads us; though our paths be slow,
Though oft we fail and falter on the way,
Though storms and darkness oft obscures the day,
Yet when the clouds are gone,
We know, He leads us on."

And now with our motto, "Be strong in the Lord, and in the strength of His might," for this year, 1914-1915; let us be up and doing, for that is the word that comes from God to each of us. Are we ready for this great task?

The cry everywhere is "Come over and help us." Oh! Women, do try to feel and know what Yates meant when he said on his dying bed, "God wants men and women."

We do not ask our cross to understand,
Our way to see,
Better in darkness just to feel thy hand,
And follow thee.

In reviewing the work of our Union since we last met together, I feel there is much cause for gratification and thanksgiving.

The year just closed stands out as one of almost unparalleled opportunities and vision. Our failures to reach some of our aims, have been in most cases, not failures, but unmistakable marks of our striving toward larger and better things.

Through the year the letters that have come to me, there has been reflected the inspiration and spiritual uplift of our Wallace Meeting, the earnest, loyal efforts of our women to fulfil the ideals there set forth, and most of all a deepening sense of dependence upon Him, whom we desire to honor.

It is, therefore, with grateful hearts that we recall here some of the results of the work, and the blessings that have come to us.

I still find a dearth of leaders in our Association, and the work being crippled largely on that account.

I have had better reports, more united efforts along all lines of work. A keen interest in the orphanage and an awakening to the possibilities of helpful work there by our Association.

A large delegation to our State Convention and the valuable service rendered there by them was truly a credit to our Association; they having made the longest trip to represent the cause that has, in the past few years, grown to such extent that it is really a part of their everyday life. Realizing at last that to extend our knowledge we must move around and see what other successful people do, by observation and adaptation, for very few of us can afford to sit shut up in the shell of self and learn only what is forced in life through the crust.

Table 1—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey N.C.	E. G. Bostic	Atkinson N.C.	1	1500.00	8	20	---	2	---	---	76	108	184
Barlow's Chapel	T. J. Baker	Teachey N.C.					---	---	---	---	---	---	54	79	133
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro N.C.	W. H. Brinson	Currie N.C.	4		---	---	1	3	1	---	26	24	50
Bethlehem							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Burgaw	E. L. Weston	Burgaw N.C.	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw N.C.	1-3	5000.00	3	5	---	8	---	1	40	55	95
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Burgaw N.C.	R. D. Pridgen	Currie N.C.	4	400.00	6	2	---	5	1	2	67	71	138
Caswell	A. D. Carter	Garland N.C.				800.00	4	---	---	---	---	---	16	27	43
Catherine Lake			John Marshburn	CatherineLake N.C.		600.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	9	13
Centerville	W. M. Kelley	Kelley N.C.				1500.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	29	30	59
Emma's Chapel	R. M. VonMiller	Jacksonville N.C.	W. E. Taylor	Richland N.C.	4	3000.00	---	1	---	5	---	1	33	49	82
Harmony	B. G. Early	Rose Hill N.C.	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe N.C.	1	600.00	1	---	---	6	---	---	31	40	71
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnes	Delway N.C.	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe (R.2) N.C.	3	400.00	2	3	---	4	4	1	32	50	82
Ivanhoe	A. C. Goodeth	Point Caswell N.C.	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe N.C.	3	600.00	3	4	---	1	---	---	30	31	61
Jacksonville	R. M. VonMiller	Jacksonville N.C.	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville N.C.	1-3	4500.00	2	2	---	6	---	1	30	45	75
Long Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland N.C.	W. H. Turner	Currie N.C.		550.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	37	64	101
Masonboro	O. N. Marshall	Seagate N.C.	E. Walton	WilmingtonR2N.C.	1-3	1000.00	---	---	---	10	---	1	39	60	99
Moores Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson N.C.	Clyde Moore	Currie N.C.	4	400.00	---	---	---	2	---	---	38	45	83
Mt. Holly	W. H. Barnes	Delway N.C.				500.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	35	58	93
Nat Moore	A. D. Carter	Garland N.C.	R. C. Squires	Nat Moore N.C.	4	1500.00	20	3	1	9	---	---	35	41	76
Olivett	J. D. Hocutt	Ashton N.C.	J. W. Webb	Rocky Point N.C.	2	450.00	1	1	---	1	---	---	21	27	48
Providence							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Riley's Creek	T. J. Baker	Teachey N.C.				800.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	41	68	109
Riverside	E. L. Weston	Burgaw N.C.	E. T. Batson	Burgaw N.C.	1	1200.00	---	2	---	---	---	---	15	22	37
Salem	J. H. Beck	Sloop Point N.C.				600.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	27	44
Seagate	O. N. Marshall	Seagate N.C.	L. N. Rouse	Seagate N.C.	2-4	2500.00	3	13	1	2	1	3	43	57	100
Shiloh	S. B. Wilson	Delway N.C.				1500.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	57	97	154
Tar Landing							---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Teachey	C. V. Brooks	Teachey N.C.	T. R. McMillan	Teachey N.C.	1-3	2000.00	1	12	2	2	4	1	72	81	153
Wallace	C. V. Brooks	Teachey N.C.	J. A. Stallings	Wallace N.C.	2-4	6500.00	3	7	1	5	---	2	84	96	180
Watha	W. H. Barnes	Delway N.C.				600.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	17	20	37
Well's Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill N.C.	R. F. Highsmith	Willard N.C.	2		14	3	---	11	---	4	98	131	229
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway N.C.	W. F. Bowen	Willard N.C.	4	1000.00	4	7	2	2	---	2	47	63	110
Wilmington:															
" First	J. H. Foster	Wilmington N.C.	W. B. Muse	Wilmington N.C.	---	60000.00	32	77	---	48	2	10	584	667	1251
" Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington N.C.	A. F. Walton	Wilmington N.C.	---	20000.00	36	51	6	25	6	1	190	315	505
" Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington N.C.	A. J. Marshburn	Wilmington N.C.	---	9000.00	29	43	7	23	---	2	183	257	440
Winter Park	W. M. Craig	Wilmington N.C.	Geo. Sloan	Wilmington N.C.	---	1500.00	---	6	---	---	---	---	20	27	47
Wrightsboro	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey N.C.	P. H. Rasberry	Wilmington N.C.	3	2500.00	6	7	---	1	---	---	20	30	50
Totals					---	$133,000.00	178	269	21	181	19	32	2161	2871	5032

Churches	Society	President	Post Office	No. M'b'rs	Total
Atkinson	W. M. U.	Mrs. D. J. Lewis	Atkinson	20	$ 24.85
Atkinson	Sunbeams		Atkinson	20	1.00
Bethlehem	W. M. U.	Mrs. F. Glisson	Currie	22	17.00
Burgaw	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. C. Dixie	Burgaw	20	60.65
Canetuck	W. M. U.	Mrs. Jordan	Currie	24	8.00
Burgaw	Sunbeams	Miss McCullen	Burgaw	30	9.55
Delgado	W. M. U.	Mrs. Mary Scott	Wilmington	12	11.79
Delgado	Sunbeams	Miss Margaret Ward	Wilmington	40	10.10
Emma's Chpl	W. M. U.	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	15	8.30
Calvary	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. J. Shepard	Wilmington	25	63.24
Calvary	Sunbeams	Mrs. L. Smith	Wilmington	35	9.50
Jacksonville	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	20	14.35
Jacksonville	Sunbeams	Miss Freeman	Jacksonville	35	5.20
Masonboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. F.	Wilmington	24	22.41
Masonboro	Sunbeams	Mrs. Corkran	Wilmington	20	2.12
Masonboro	Y. W. A.	Mrs. Add. Hewlett	Masonboro	10	2.50
Riverside	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw	20	2.75
Seagate	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. D. Kennedy	Seagate	15	2.75
Southside	W. M. U.	Mrs. H. M. Warwick	Wilmington	57	43.08
Southside	Sunbeams	Mrs. Moore	Wilmington	32	2.62
Wallace	W. M. U.	Mrs. Southerland	Wallace	30	39.05
Wallace	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. W. Carroll	Wallace	75	34.00
Wallace	Y. W. A.	Mrs. F. J. Powers	Wallace	10	2.00
Teachey	W. M. U.	Mrs. Sloan	Teachey	15	6.45
Watha	Sunbeams	Miss Pearl Winn	Watha	14	1.00
Watha	W. M. U.	Mrs. Rivenbark	Watha	5	.50
Willard	W. M. U.	Miss Mary Powers	Willard	15	10.25
Wrightsboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. F. Dempsey	Wrightsboro	20	15.85
Wrightsboro	Sunbeams	Mrs. J. H. Darden	Wrightsboro	35	2.85
Winter Park	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. Maultsby	Winter Park	15	14.75
Winter Park	Y. W. A.				7.50
Winter Park	Sunb's and R. A.	Misses Huey and Page	Winter Park	35	3.10
Wil. First	W. M. U.	Mrs. B. T. Hopkins	Wilmington	94	790.72
Wil. First	Y. W. A.	Mrs. R. Weathersbee	Wilmington	50	395.57
Wil. First	Sunbeams	Mrs. L. Gore	Wilmington	37	6.82
Wil. First	Y. W. A. Jr.	Miss Penton	Wilmington	25	76.21
Wil. First	R. A.	Mrs. Hanby	Wilmington	20	7.55
Calvary	Y. W. A.	Miss Rivenbark	Wilmington	20	New
Calvary	Y. W. A. Jr.	Miss J. McDugal	Wilmington	20	New
Calvary	R. A.		Wilmington	10	New
				1041	$1,736.13
		Orphanage			50.00
		Progress Fund			75.00
					$1,861.13

Table 3—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT.	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms From School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Atkinson	T. S. Teague	Atkinson N.C.	Raymond Howell	Atkinson N.C.	1	6	117	123	85	12	----	15.00	5.00	------	5.00	25.00
Barlow's Chapel	J. Justice	Sloop Point N.C.	----------	----------	1	5	50	55	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Bear Branch	W. H. Brinson	Currie N.C.	F. B. Moore	Currie N.C.	1	5	29	34	15	12	----	5.00	------	------	------	5.00
Bethlehem	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw N.C.	Dr. Ira W. Brown	Burgaw N.C.	1	9	100	109	----	12	3	------	37.08	12.00	45.00	94.08
Canetuck	D. J. Corbett, Sr.	Currie N.C.	C. R. Jordan	Currie N.C.	1	8	60	68	48	12	5	10.00	------	------	7.50	17.50
Caswell	L. Vollers	Point Caswell N.C.	----------	----------	1	6	45	51	----	12	4	------	------	------	------	------
Catherine Lake	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Centerville	E. H. Anders	Kelly N.C.	----------	----------	1	5	35	40	----	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Emma's Chapel	W. E. Taylor	Richlands N.C.	Letha Taylor	Richlands N.C.	1	8	44	52	19	12	----	36.00	------	12.00	------	48.00
Harmony	L. H. Gurganious	Ivanhoe N.C.	Helen Eakins	Watha N.C.	1	6	82	88	----	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Haw Bluff	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Ivanhoe	J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe N.C.	Mrs. W. T. Lylerly	Ivanhoe N.C.	1	5	47	52	23	12	1	8.78	------	12.00	10.00	30.78
Jacksonville	M. B. Humphrey	Jacksonville N.C.	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville N.C.	1	10	102	112	46	12	2	96.11	17.81	40.00	63.80	217.72
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Burgaw N.C.	----------	----------	1	6	30	36	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Masonboro	J. A. Orrell	Wilmington R.2 N.C.	W. C. Cochrane	Wilmington R.2 N.C.	1	6	74	80	40	12	----	26.50	------	18.00	------	44.50
Moore's Creek	J. S. Pope	Currie N.C.	W. H. Croom	Currie N.C.	1	3	25	28	9	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Mt. Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha N.C.	----------	----------	1	8	53	61	----	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Nat Moore	M. Almond	Nat Moore N.C.	G. F. Squires	Nat Moore N.C.	1	7	72	79	36	12	16	6.74	------	.50	------	7.24
Olivett	F. C. Shepard	Rocky Point N.C.	W. F. Shepard	Rocky Point N.C.	1	8	31	39	20	12	1	2.40	------	------	------	2.40
Providence	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Riley's Creek	J. E. Taylor	Rocky Point N.C.	----------	----------	1	5	47	52	----	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw N.C.	T. J. Corbitt	Burgaw N.C.	1	6	63	69	50	12	----	10.70	------	6.14	------	16.84
Salem	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Seagate	L. Larkins	Seagate N.C.	Miss Rosa Rogers	Seagate N.C.	1	8	100	108	50	12	2	24.05	10.00	18.65	------	52.70
Shiloh	G. F. DeVane	Ivanhoe N.C.	----------	----------	1	6	88	94	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Tar Landing	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	------	------	------	------	------
Teachey	P. E. Shaw	Teachey N.C.	Mrs. D. H. Boney	Teachey N.C.	1	8	70	78	20	12	----	11.21	------	------	------	11.21
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace N.C.	Arthur Dempsey	Wallace N.C.	2	11	136	147	51	12	3	87.26	43.30	4.65	59.35	194.56
Watha	C. F. Matthew	Watha N.C.	----------	----------	1	7	75	82	----	12	----	------	------	------	------	------
Well's Chapel	W. J. Rooks	Wallace N.C.	R. A. Wells	Wallace N.C.	1	7	85	92	40	12	10	6.20	------	9.64	------	15.84
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark	Willard N.C.	Willie Murray	Willard N.C.	1	7	118	125	60	12	----	34.42	10.00	------	3.03	47.45
Wilmington:																
" First	F. T. Allen	Wilmington N.C.	E. Child	Wilmington N.C.	2	36	705	741	300	12	14	561.10	177.25	347.47	307.15	1,392.97
" Southside	R. B. Moore	Wilmington N.C.	J. B. Davis	Wilmington N.C.	1	20	284	304	116	12	21	80.00	11.80	54.30	63.68	209.78
" Calvary	J. A. McDougall	Wilmington N.C.	A. W. Allen	Wilmington N.C.	2	26	224	250	125	12	28	167.35	24.85	170.36	17.09	379.65
Winter Park	Dr. P. H. High	Wilmington N.C.	Miss Bertha DeVaun	Wilmington N.C.	1	10	65	75	35	12	----	101.83	------	13.25	------	115.08
Wrightsboro	W. D. Rhodes	Wilmington N.C.	Mrs. Moses Horne	Wilmington N.C.	1	7	91	98	31	12	2	47.39	1.85	9.25	1.99	60.48
Total	----------	----------	----------	----------	----	275	3147	3422	1219	----	112	$1,338.04	$338.94	$728.21	$583.59	$2,988.78

Table 2—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S.S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Atkinson	150.00	175.00	------	15.00	14.21	1.00	-----	13.50	15.00	21.15	-----	14.43	2.50	2.50	3.15	------	427.44
Barlow's Chapel	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Bear Branch	107.00	------	------	5.00	-----	------	------	.50	------	------	------	------	------	------	3.36	------	115.86
Bethlehem	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Burgaw	400.00	155.00	15.00	12.00	12.00	2.00	------	50.00	50.00	100.00	2.00	50.00	15.00	10.00	15.00	------	888.00
Canetuck	250.00	------	------	17.50	-----	2 00	------	10.00	14.00	30.00	-----	10.00	5.00	7.50	10.00	65.85	421.85
Caswell	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Catherine Lake	------	------	------	-----	-----	.25	------	.25	.25	.25	-----	------	------	------	------	------	1.00
Centerville	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Emma's Chapel	200.00	800.00	10.00	36.00	2 00	1.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	10.00	------	1,059.00
Harmony	150.00	6.95	------	-----	-----	1.00	------	7.50	5.00	7.50	2.58	7.50	------	1.00	------	30.00	219.03
Haw Bluff	120.00	------	5.00	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	125.00
Ivanhoe	125.00	25.00	------	8.78	-----	2.00	------	5.00	5.00	5.00	-----	12.00	------	------	------	58.00	245.78
Jacksonville	350.00	4.15	142.65	96.11	12.00	5.00	------	40.50	30.00	50.00	10.00	60.00	5.00	5.00	18.50	181.80	1,010.71
Long Creek	125.00	------	32.80	-----	-----	2.11	------	6.94	------	9.74	-----	5.64	------	------	------	------	182.23
Masonboro	240.79	.25	16.70	26.50	9.50	1.00	------	8.30	11.00	15.50	-----	18.00	2.00	2.00	------	12.50	364.04
Moore's Creek	50.00	------	------	4.00	2.00	1.00	------	3.90	3.14	2.00	------	------	------	------	------	------	66.04
Mt. Holly	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Nat Moore	60.00	478.66	13.94	6.74	-----	2.00	------	------	------	------	------	.50	1.75	------	------	50.00	613.59
Olivet	30.00	------	------	2.40	-----	1.00	------	5.00	2.50	5.00	-----	7.50	------	------	------	15.00	68.40
Providence	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Riley's Creek	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Riverside	100.00	5.00	1.00	13.56	-----	1.02	------	16.66	------	------	-----	6.14	------	------	------	------	143.38
Salem	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Seagate	173.75	380.00	72.71	24.05	-----	1.00	------	5.00	6.00	4.00	10.00	18.65	------	------	------	46.75	741.91
Shiloh	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Tar Landing	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Teachey	165.00	21.00	18.15	11.21	2.00	2.00	------	20.00	9.76	22.00	-----	7.00	10.00	3.00	5.00	164.26	460.38
Wallace	500.00	25.00	58.91	87.26	15.66	3.00	------	54.00	62.48	112.13	10.00	32.38	22.00	8.00	77.35	35.85	1,104.02
Watha	------	------	------	-----	-----	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------
Well's Chapel	174.91	15.00	------	6.20	-----	------	------	24.75	18.71	28.64	-----	27.20	10.87	5.85	------	19.00	331.13
Willard	175.00	------	75.00	34.42	-----	1.50	------	4.53	2.00	5.75	-----	4.87	3.00	4.50	------	------	310.57
Wilmington: First	3 000.00	3,722.00	2,864.18	561.10	257.60	5.00	267.65	592.57	244.50	450.00	-----	347.47	225.00	-----	453.00	1,369.83	14,359.90
" Southside	1,200.00	5,308.79	468.18	80.00	95.59	4.25	------	94.08	56.20	59.13	5.00	54.30	5.00	10.00	10.00	118.33	7,589.75
" Calvary	1,200.00	283.08	629.62	180.03	24.92	5.00	------	110.00	100.00	100.00	17.09	181.41	10.00	10.00	------	258.97	3,110.12
Winter Park	313.00	33.64	------	101.83	-----	------	------	9.45	5.50	4.00	-----	15.25	------	------	5.00	5.00	492.67
Wrightsboro	175.00	------	2.18	47.39	1.85	2.00	1.00	6.00	7.00	8.00	2.73	9.55	------	2.00	3.15	42.04	309.89
Total	$9,534.45	$11,838.52	$4,426.02	$1,377.08	$449.33	*$46.13	$268.65	$1,089.33	$648.04	$1,039.79	$59.90	$891.04	$315.37	$71.35	$613.51	$2,476.18	$34,637 94

*Several churches pledged additional amounts not shown here.

Historical Table of Wilmington Baptist Association From Its Organization.

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Annual Sermon
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman
1904	Wells' Chapel	J. T. Bland	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley
1905	Teachey	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan
1906	Wilmington, Calvary	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton
1907	Jacksonville	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale
1908	Wallace	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt
1910	Willard	Geo. E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster
1911	Emma's Chapel	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele
1912	Burgaw	Geo. E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall
1913	Teachey	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks

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SEAGATE, N. C., AUGUST 24 and 25, 1915

The next session of the Wilmington Baptist Association will be held with the Wallace Baptist Church, Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916. Rev. W. G. Hall will preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. J. A. Sullivan will preach the missionary sermon.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

G. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator, - - - - - - - - Wilmington, N. C.
F. P. POWERS, Vice-Moderator and Treasurer, - - - Wallace, N. C.
J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk, - - - - - - - - - - Wilmington, N. C.
W. B. RIVENBARK, Statistical Clerk, - - - - - - Teachey, N. C.

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COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee.

W. G. Hall,	R. P. Hinton,	G. E. Leftwich,
D. L. Gore,	F. P. Powers,	J. T. Bland.

Standing Committees.

Sunday Schools	W. G. Hall
Home Missions	J. A. Sullivan
Foreign Missions	R. M. VonMiller
Orphanage	D. L. Gore
Christian Education	P. E. Shaw
Laymen's Movement	C. E. McCullen
Biblical Recorder	W. B. Rivenbark
Woman's Work	W. M. Craig
Temperance	A. D. Carter
State Missions	C. V. Brooks
B. Y. P. U.	E. L. Weston
Association History and Obituary	J. D. Hocutt

Ministerial Register.

Baker, T. J.	Teachey, N. C.
Booth, J. H.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Brooks, C. V.	Wallace, N. C.
Carter, A. D.	Garland, N. C.
Cashwell, C. H.	Beulahville, N. C.
Craig, W. M.	Wilmington, N. C.
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson, N. C.
Early, B. G.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Goodrich, A. L.	Point Caswell, N. C.
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hilburn, R. M.	Bladenboro, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D.	Ashton, N. C.
Kelly, W. M.	Kelly, N. C.
Marshall, O. N.	Seagate, N. C.
Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey, N. C.
Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington, N. C.
VonMiller, R. M.	Jacksonville, N. C.
Weston, E. L.	Burgaw, N. C.
Wilson, S. B.	Delway, N. C.

WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, WALLACE, N. C., BEGINNING OCTOBER 5, 1916—ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(Adopted at last session.)

Wednesday.

10:00 a. m.—Devotional.
10:30 Roll Call of Churches.
Organization.
Announcement of Committees.
11:00 a. m.—Introductory Sermon—W. G. Hall.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional.
2:15 Sunday Schools. Report by W. G. Hall.
3:00 State Missions. Report by C. V. Brooks.
4:00 Orphanage. Report by D. L. Gore.
7:45 Devotional.
8:00 Home Missions. Report by J. A. Sullivan.
8:45 Foreign Missions. Report by R. M. VonMiller.

Thursday.

9:15 a. m.—Devotional.
9:30 Woman's Work. Report by W. M. Craig.
10:00 Men's Movement.
10:30 Christian Education. Report by P. E. Shaw.
11:00 Biblical Recorder. Report by W. B. Rivenbark.
11:30 Missionary Sermon—J. A. Sullivan.
2:00 p. m.—Devotional.
2:15 Miscellaneous Business.
2:45 Temperance. Report by A. D. Carter.
3:15 B. Y. P. U. Report by E. L. Weston.
3:45 Associational History and Obituary—J. D. Hocutt.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covennant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principle of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of this Association shall commence on Wednesday after the first Lord's day in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By Appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

PROCEEDINGS

Long Creek, N. C., October 6, 1915.

The Association convened with the Long Creek Baptist Church, Wednesday morning, October 6, at 10 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, W. G. Hall.

Roll call of churches showed that 27 were represented at the opening session.

The complete roll of messengers during the entire session is as follows:

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Atkinson—Donnie Benson, A. E. Kelly, M. J. Walker.
Barlow's Chapel—Mrs. Z. R. Thompson.
Bear Branch—F. B. Moore, C. D. White.
Bethlehem—Z. V. Corbett, W. H. Pridgen, W. L. Pridgen, S. E. Pridgen.
Burgaw—W. C. Dixey, H. I. Bowen, B. C. Boney.
Canetuck—B. B. Pridgen.
Caswell—Robt. Driver, W. D. Malpass, Norwich Sherman.
Centerville—By letter.
Emma's Chapel—By letter.
Harmony—D. J. Eakins, Luther Gurganus, Boney Wells.
Haw Bluff—By letter.
Ivanhoe—J. L. Howell.
Jacksonville—A. G. Walton, R. P. Hinton.
Long Creek—J. H. Brinson, L. C. Porter, J. F. Herring.
Masonboro—J. P. Herring, Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—J. S. Pope, N. R. Croom, E. L. Croom.
Mt. Holly—A. Carroll, J. B. Johnson, James Tatum.
Nat Moore—By letter.
Olivett—J. W. Webb, R. G. Shepherd, Lawrence Batson.
Riley's Creek—T. H. Barnhill, I. B. Scott.
Riverside—R. R. Batson, Robt. L. Hocutt, E. T. Batson.
Salem—By letter.
Seagate—J. C. Oldham.
Shiloh—Geo. DeVane, Curtis Eakins, A. T. Herring.
Teachey—O. T. Teachey, R. L. Teachey, P. E. Shaw.
Wallace—G. O. Ward, J. T. Jones, F. P. Powers.
Watha—N. E. Price.
Well's Chapel.—A. A. Moore, R. A. Wells, R. F. Highsmith.
Willard—R. W. Southerland, H. D. Powers.
Wilmington, First—W. C. Peterson, B. T. Hopkins, A. M. Baldwin.

Southside.—J. S. Canady, J. H. Holton, H. J. McRae, R. B. Moore.

Calvary—D. L. Gore, C. C. Cashwell.

Winter Park.—J. W. Hale.

Wrightsboro—G. E. Leftwich, W. D. Rhodes, E. S. Hancock, Raymond Rogers, Mrs. Geo Darden, Miss Nell Dempsey.

The organization was effected by electing the following officers: Moderator, G. E. Leftwich; Vice-Moderator, F. P. Powers; Clerk, J. A. Sullivan; Statistical Clerk, W. B. Rivenbark; Treasurer, F. P. Powers.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. O. N. Marshall. Text, Matt. 19:17, 29. Subject, "Obedience."

The program as offered by the Program Committee was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committees: Devotional—Pastor and deacons of Long Creek Church. Finance—H. J. McRae, N. R. Croom, A. E. Kelly.

Archibald Johnson, of the Orphanage, was recognized.

The Association adjourned for dinner with prayer by J. D. Hocutt.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

C. V. Brooks conducted the devotional service.

The Moderator announced the following committee: To nominate the Executive Committee, R. M. VonMiller, J. D. Hocutt, B. T. Hopkins.

On motion the Association changed the program, Foreign Missions being presented at 2:15, and Sunday Schools at 8:45 p. m. C. V. Brooks presented the Report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign mission work is the effort on our part to carry out the last command of our Lord and Master to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations. The challenge of the hour to all our churches is the present call of our foreign mission work. The conditions of the world today are giving tremendous emphasis to the fact that all men need a simple New Testament religion. The non-Christian nations are awakening in a wonderful way and enquiring for the path of peace and the way of life. The doors are wide open. The people are more accessible than ever before. The harvest fields are ripe and we should now thrust in the sickle and reap on a scale that will far transcend anything in the past.

The Foreign Mission Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, composed of eighteen local members and eighteen State members representing each State in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention, is conducting work in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 church members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people. There are 300 missionaries on the fields, 20 of whom were sent out during the past year, and a total of 651 native workers. Notwithstanding difficult conditions on many of the fields caused by the European war and the injury to the work in Mexico from chaotic political conditions in that country, 5,190 baptisms were reported during the year.

The distressing financial conditions throughout the South created by the war in Europe caused a falling off in contributions to foreign missions last year. Many of the churches made heroic and sacrificial efforts, but some of them were not able to keep up their usual contributions. This will make it more difficult for us to maintain the work this year unless God's people meet the situation in a still more heroic spirit. The Convention in Houston asked for an apportionment of $624,000 for foreign missions this year. Every dollar of it will be needed to carry on the work successfully. Our supreme task now should be the raising of the apportionment as a minimum in every Association and every State. We should not for a moment think of anything less and we must do more than this if possible. We therefore recommend:

(1) That we as an Association undertake to raise for foreign missions our full proportion of the above sum; that this amount be divided among the churches on an equitable basis; that we earnestly urge the churches to contribute the amount asked of them; that each church inaugurate a plan of systematic weekly or monthly giving and remitting for this cause so that the work may be taken care of and debt and interest payments may be avoided.

(2) That each pastor in the Association appoint a committee in each church of which he is pastor to canvass the membership with a view to securing a subscription to the Foreign Mission Journal in every Baptist family within our bounds, so that our people may be more fully informed as to our world-wide work.

Respectfully submitted.

C. V. BROOKS.

The report was adopted after discussion by C. V. Brooks. O. N. Marshall presented the report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In 1830 there was a liberal State Mission policy taken up to begin with, which has made no little success in these 84 years of effort. The 256,000 and more Baptists who are now marching to the orders under the same banner as did our forefathers, are under a great deal more responsibility than they. We have hundreds of churches to support, and still a vast territory of undeveloped fields to cultivate. And if we neglect these fields, in a few more years we will lose them; for other denominations are seeing the need, and hearing the cry for help, and are going in that direction at a steady rate. There is no use for us to neglect these points, so necessary for us to develop. We raised last year $50,000 for State Missions, and we could have raised $100,000; and we need fully that much to carry on the great work. One of our weak points is inadequate salaries for our missionaries serving at present on these fields. State Missions would pay our denomination a much larger dividend, if we would furnish a more substantial support to these weak points. These missionaries ought not to be expected to look after more than two churches, and it would be much better, if they had only one.

Where one has such an extended field, he cannot possibly look after all the points as much as they need. State Missions has done a big part in our State, and is doing some telling work right here in our Wilmington Association; and would be doing much more if the money was in hand to support the work. We should have more money and prayers for State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

O. N. MARSHALL, Committee.

The report was discussed by O. N. Marshall, R. M. Von Miller, W. G. Hall, and J. A. Sullivan, and then adopted.

W. G. Hall offered the Report of the Executive Committee, which was received in connection with the State Mission Report.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg to report that we have secured from the State Mission Board the following amounts: Onslow field, Rev. R. M. VonMiller, $300; Seagate and Masonboro, Rev. O. N. Marshall, $250; Southside, Wilmington, Rev. W. G. Hall, $100.

We feel that this money has been well spent. Faithful service has been rendered by those who have received these amounts. We call attention to the work of Brother VonMiller on the Onslow field in the baptism of 61 members in the churches on his field, with others by letter.

On the other fields aided by the Board good work has been done, and we hope for greater work and results in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL, Chairman.

R. M. VonMiller presented the Report on the Orphanage.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The care of the fatherless is a fundamental expression of Christian activity. In keeping with the teaching of God's Word, nothing has so enlisted men and women in the work of the Kingdom among North Carolina Baptists, as the Orphanage work.

Since the eleventh day of November, 1885, about 1600 children have been enrolled. According to the annual statement of the General Manager, Brother Kesler, 128 children were received during the year, making the present enrollment 494. The total receipts from the churches this year amounted to $46,-941.72. The average cost of one child per month is $9.44. The estimated cost of maintaining an average of 464 children for the year, amounts to $52,571.26. The direct receipts for the Kennedy Home amounted to $1,203.29. While the expenditures there amounted to $12,749.39.

Dr. Hobgood, the Orphanage physician, reports the general health, hygiene, and sanitary conditions good.

At the Kennedy Home, which received children June 5, 1914, and was formally opened September 11, of the same year, the need of a school building and a house of worship is imperative; we therefore recommend:

(1) That every Sunday School set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphanage Day.

(2) A club of Charity and Children in each Sunday School.

(3) A very liberal Thanksgiving offering, emphasizing the giving of not less than one day's work to the Orphanage.

Finally, Brethren, let us endeavor to keep in mind the appeal of the many orphans in our State not yet provided for, and by trying to make larger sacrifices for the orphans we shall increase our reward and our happiness.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. VonMILLER.

The report was discussed by R. M. VonMiller and Archibald Johnson and adopted.

W. G. Hall introduced a letter from James I. Kendrick, showing that $240.00 of our pledges of $750.00 on the Wake Forest Church was still unpaid. Pledges to the amount of $80.00 were taken. The Executive Committee was asked to apportion the remaining $160.00 as they think best.

Commitee on nominating the Executive Committee made the following report:

Recommendations as to Executive Committee.

We, your committee, after careful consideration, recommend as members of the Executive Committee the following brethren: Rev. W. G. Hall, Brethren D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton, F. P. Powers, G. E. Leftwich and J. T. Bland.

We further recommend that Brother F. P. Powers represent this Association at the annual meeting of the State Board of Missions and Rev. J. A. Sullivan at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

R. M. VonMILLER,
J. D. HOCUTT,
B. T. HOPKINS,
Committee.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Place and preacher for the next Association: C. C. Cashwell, W. C. Keith, R. P. Hinton.

C. V. Brooks announced that inasmuch as the building at Wallace is not complete, the Union Meeting cannot be held there this month.

The Association adjourned with prayer by O. N. Marshall.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

The Association convened at 8 p. m., J. M. Hill conducted the devotional service.

W. B. Rivenbark presented the report of E. L. Weston on Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

"As goes America, so will go the world," has become almost an axiom among Christian statesmen. Never did the truth of this saying press home more forcibly to the hearts of thoughtful men than it does today. Most of the other so-called Christian nations of earth are doing their utmost to destroy each other, in the most colossal war which the world has ever seen. Never before was there so great a need that our concern for support of Home Missions should be at concert pitch.

Christianizing America in our day is a task which has assumed almost tragic importance. It is an immense task. There are in America 50,000,000 persons of responsible age who make no profession of religious faith. In the South there are 18,000,000 such persons without religious faith.

Christianity has a better opportunity today to transform society in the South than elsewhere in America or in the world. Of every 100 evangelical Christians in the South thirty-nine or forty are Baptists. In this section the Baptists of the world have their supreme opportunity to win men and save society. Here is the best Baptist field for Home Missions and the opportunity to create the greatest Baptist base for world missions.

We challenge Southern Baptists to rise to this opportunity. The Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, is the great central agency of the Southern Baptist Convention through which our people address themselves as a unit to the task of saving the South. This general agency at many points co-operates with and supplements the indispensable effort of the denomination in each State through State Missions. Our Home Board has the distinction of being by far the most successful Home Mission Board in America, when the number of souls won to Christ by its workers is taken as the standard of comparison. The Home Board reported 38,000 baptisms by its workers last year. The next largest number of baptisms reported by a Home Mission agency was 10,000 by the Home Mission Society of Northern Baptists. Of this large number of baptisms 17,000 were creditable to co-operating agencies, but 21,000 were creditable directly to Home Mission endeavor. The dollar given to Baptist missions in the South reaches a larger harvest in souls than any other mission dollar spent in America.

Besides its great work in evangelistic missions, the Home Board is conducting a splendid activity in intensive missions, developing the Christ-life which was implanted at conversion. Both in its great system of mountain and other schools and in the enlistment work among undeveloped churches, the Board is doing a great service, looking to the enlargement and enlistment of our thousands of non-co-operating churches. The brethren of these churches have with us the sweet fellowship that is in a common faith in Christ, the Savior. May we become so enlarged in the spirit of love that we shall seek in loving helpfulness to bring them into that larger fellowship which we have in co-operative service to win the world to Christ.

The Home Board helps to maintain missionary pastors in co-operation with various State agencies; engages in work among the negroes; is undertaking a great work for Church Extension; conducts foreign mission schools and foreign port and pastoral work; conducts a great system of mission schools for Highlanders; has instituted a most inspiring work of enlistment in co-operation with State agencies; has the most successful Evangelistic Department possessed by any domestic missionary agency in America; preaches the gospel to the Indians in Oklahoma; does a notably successful work in Cuba and Panama.

We earnestly commend to our churches the support of the great work of Home Missions. The intense appeal of secular

interests and of pleasure in our modern industrial civilization, call for an increased effort to turn and hold the faces and hearts of men toward the heavenly city. In all our churches we should carry the work of the Home Mission Board on our hearts in prayer to God, and should give freely to the support of this work.

(1) We recommend that our churches be encouraged to make a larger use of the Home Mission tracts issued free by the Home Mission Board, and that study classes be formed in the Board's study class book, "Baptist Home Missions."

(2) We urge that larger effort be made in the churches to get clubs of subscribers to The Home Field. It is a splendid magazine about the on-going of the Kingdom of Christ in the South and the Baptist effort to support Home Missions. It is a distressing and lamentable situation that only one Baptist preacher in five gets this magazine, which is only twenty-five cents a year in clubs of five or more. Sample copies gladly sent to any Baptist who will write for them.

(3) The Home Mission Board furnishes for fifty cents a set of five large wall charts suitable for the church. If these charts were in the churches of the Association they would do a great deal to teach what Home Mission work is.

(4) In order to make effective and definite the obligations of the individual churches to take their full share of Home Mission work, we recommend that this Association assume $..... as its share of the State apportionment, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to apportion this amount fairly among the churches.

The address of the Home Mission Board is 1004 Healey Building, Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary. Literature should be ordered from the Publicity Department.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WESTON.

The report was laid over until Thursday for discussion.

F. P. Powers presented the report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

In political campaigns we have what is called the "paramount issue." In the campaign of righteousness against sin and unrighteousness, the "paramount issue" is the Sunday School. As we progress in this campaign, the evangelization of the world, our forces and emphasis have been increased and centered around about the Sunday School, because it is the strongest weapon we have to aid us in the great commission of God. In all the armament of God among the weapons He has furnished His church, the Sunday School stands pre-eminently the deadliest to sin, for it strikes at the fountain head of humanity, the children. The greatest cure for any evil is a preventative. When you rear children in the Sunday School and bring them up under

its influences, you close up the lodging places for the Evil One to sow his seed of mischief and trouble. "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it", says the Highest Authority.

What does the Sunday School stand for anyway? Aside from being the door of the church, it stands for intelligence, morality, character, patriotism, industry, gentleness, kindness, love, responsibility to others, wisdom, temperance, sobriety, in fact, for everything that elevates, uplifts, and ennobles life. Then if the Sunday School stands for and does all these things, it becomes us as Christians to encourage and foster its sphere of operation. How many of our churches are without a Sunday School, and those that have one, how many of its members attend, and what per cent of its population or those not members of any church, attend the Sunday School? Let us see: in the Baptist denomination of North Carolina we have 245,000 members or more, and only 85,000 are in the Sunday School, leaving 160,000 not enlisted in this noble work. Brother, sister, in which group do you belong? If you are in the stay-away crowd turn today and help us change the conditions in our own ranks, and get in a position to do the best service it is possible for our Master. Of all the mysteries of my religious experience, the greatest is how a Christian can stay away from and out of the Sunday School. I would like for some one to clear that up. Of the 190,000 members of the Sunday School in our denomination in this State only 85,000 are church members with 105,000 not church members. With this great host in touch and under the influence of the Sunday School, does this not look like the enlisting office of the army of God as well as the training camp? Brethren, we cannot emphasize the Sunday School too much, and I say, God bless the efforts made last Sunday to enlist every church member in this cause all over our own, our Southland.

If the Sunday School is so important as this, then it is the first consideration of every church, and should be under the supervision and entire control of the church, which should place the best qualified persons in its membership as teachers and officers in charge, men and women full of the Spirit and love of God, for these are the best to whom its aims and purposes should be entrusted. After we get the very best men and women we have in our churches enlisted in this work, the church should see that the very best conditions in the way of equipment, such as rooms, literature and music, etc., should be provided; then see that our teachers qualify themselves from an intellectual standpoint, by taking the Normal Manual course of study from the Bible, never forgetting that their first duty to those they are teaching is, to win them to Christ.

A good policy for our Sunday Schools to adopt is as follows: (1) The evangelization of the world. (2) The moral uplift of the world. (3) The education of the world. (4) The making of friends of the world. (5) To teach the world how to love,

to be patient, to be temperate, to be economical and industrious.

We could enumerate further, but will leave some for your own deductions.

The Sunday School stands for everything good and nothing bad that I can see. God bless the Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. POWERS.

The report was discussed by F. P. Powers, R. M. Von Miller, and J. M. Hill. The report was adopted.

The Association requested the Moderator to submit a report on History and Obituaries in the absence of C. E. McCullen, who was to make the report.

On motion three non-reporting churches were dropped from the roll of churches in the Association. They were Catherine Lake, Providence, and Tar Landing.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. B. Rivenbark.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock| W. B. Rivenbark conducted the devotional service.

W. M. Kelly, one of the pastors, was welcomed to the Association.

C. E. Brewer, President of Meredith College, was recognized.

W. B. Rivenbark presented the report on Woman's Work.

The Wilmington Baptist Association,

My Dear Brethren:—Having been in office only since January 1, 1915, I beg to submit my report for the three quarters of my work.

There have been many discouraging moments and hours for me, and at times I have almost given up as a complete failure. But I pushed forward until the work is now a joy, and a privilege to be an humble servant in His service.

We have given for Foreign Missions, $466.11; Home Missions, $549.41; State Missions, $215.09. Total amount for all objects, $1,423.10.

In the different societies we have a membership of 1,178. This includes women, girls and boys. We had an increase of 137 from last year. Glad to report an increase in Personal Service, and a larger circulation in mission literature. Also the growing interest in the mission study classes. Last year was larger than the year preceding, and we look for still larger membership this year. During these three quarters, I have travelled 216 miles, visited 16 societies, delivered 16 addresses, written 174

letters, 22 postcards, and answered 59 phone calls. I attended the State Convention at New Bern, and presided over the annual Associational meeting at Seagate. During my term of office there have been organized a W. M. S. at Watha, W. M. S. at Mt. Holly Church, Y. W. A. at Wrightsboro, Y. W. A. at Burgaw, Sunbeam Band, at Seagate, and R. A. Chapter at Wallace.

We have twenty-three W. M. Societies, five Y. W. A. Societies, four Jr. Y. W. A. Societies, fifteen Sunbeam Bands and two R. A. Chapters.

Our aim for the year is to organize either a Missionary Society or Sunbeam Band in every church in the Association. I earnestly solicit the co-operation of the pastors, and pray I may become more competent and influential among my people.

FLORENCE H. WHITNEY,
Superintendent, Wilmington Association.

The report was discussed by W. B. Rivenbark and R. M. VonMiller, and then adopted.

On motion of R. M. VonMiller the Association decided to dispense with the missionary sermon.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Program—J. A. Sullivan, O. D. Malpass and W. C. Peterson.

G. E. Leftwich presented the Report on the Laymen's Movement.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

The Laymen's Movement is simply an uprising of the leading, yet inactive forces of the church.

That it is needed—no one with slight information or casual observation seeing the great army of idlers in the Lord's vineyard will deny. Your Committee have not done all they could, but have responded promptly to every invitation extended. Until the pastor realizes the need, and our laymen catch a vision of their responsibility as co-workers with the Master, but little will be accomplished to hasten the day when His knowledge will cover the earth, as the waters cover the sea.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. LEFTWICH, For Committee,

P. S. We also recommend this topic be dropped from the list of regular topics.

The report was discussed by C. E. Brewer, and then adopted.

L. Bunn Olive, of Dell School, and C. F. Whitlock, of Joplin, Mo., were recognized.

C. C. Cashwell presented the report on Christian Education.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

There are 14 Baptist Theological Seminaries in the United States, with a total endowment of $5,497,478.00 employing 107 instructors. The total enrollment of students, 1915, was 1,315, 1,189 of whom were ministerial students. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., the one to which most of the ministerial students from our State go, has an endowment of $1,100,000.00, with a faculty of 12, and an enrollment last year of 301.

We have 100 universities and colleges in the United States with a total endowment of $33,054,839.00, employing 2,567 instructors and having an enrollment last year of 37,734 students, 1,883 of whom were ministerial students.

With the secondary or preparatory schools we have in the United States 97, with an endowment of $1,920,558.00, employing 825 instructors and having a total enrollment last year of 14,674 of whom 422 were students for the ministry.

With us in North Carolina there are 13 high schools, with two more applying for admission, and four colleges of varying grades. They represent in plant, equipment and endowment over a million and a half dollars, and an annual enrollment of nearly 3,800, of whom 201 were students for the ministry last year.

At the meeting of the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh, December 8-11, 1914, it was voted to discontinue the old Board of Ministerial Education and to establish the Board of Education of the Baptist State Convention; the new Board absorbing the work of the old Board, and, in addition, to standardize and admit the schools of the Convention system of schools. This new Board has been located in Durham with Dr. R. T. Vann as Corresponding Secretary.

North Carolina Baptists should feel justly proud of the advanced steps they have taken along the line of Christian Education, but not be contented until every effort possible is put forth looking toward a better standardization of our secondary schools and colleges, with the view of promoting and maintaining institutions that will give back to the State trained Christian laymen as well as educated ministers.

It is not fitting to close this report without mentioning the Dell School at Delway. The management has, this year, been entrusted to the care of two young men, recently graduated from Wake Forest College: Mr. L. Bunn Olive, as Principal, and Mr. Owen F. Herring, Associate, are two young men fully worthy of the confidence placed in them. The success of the school, they say, is largely dependent upon the financial and other support the Baptists in our Association give to it.

In view of the new situation which has been created, and more particularly to further the work of the Master's Kingdom, it is recommended—

(1) That Christian education be regularly placed on the church budget.

(2) That any contribution to this object be sent direct to Walters Durham, Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention.

(3) That such contributions be left for distribution to the direction of the advisory committee of the new Board.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. CASHWELL.

The report was discussed by C. C. Cashwell, L. Bunn Olive, C. E. Brewer. The report was adopted.

W. C. Peterson offered a resolution, which was adopted, that each delegate be asked to get his church to put Christian Education on the list of regular and systematic collections.

REPORT OF DELL SCHOOL.

1913.

Sept. 3, Wallace	$ 4.50
Oct. 11, Riverside	7.50
Oct. 11, Jacksonville	15.00
Oct. 14, Wallace	15.00
Oct. 20, Wilmington, First	30.00
Oct. 20, Burgaw	20.00
Oct. 20, Riley's Creek	15.00
Oct. 20, Canetuck	15.00
Oct. 20, Emma's Chapel	10.00
Oct. 26, Atkinson	20.00
Oct. 26, Wrightsboro	5.00

1914.

May 8, Canetuck	$ 10.00
Aug. 31, Willard	10.00
Sept, 7, Riverside	2.50
Sept. 16, Watha	2.50
Sept. 21, Jacksonville	15.00
Sept. 29, Wilmington, First	30.00
Sept. 29, Wilmington, Winter Park	5.00
Oct. 7, Bear Branch	3.36
Oct. 13, Wilmington, Southside	10.00
Oct. 13, Burgaw	15.00
Oct. 13, Emma's Chapel	10.00

DELL SCHOOL LOAN FUND—ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT.

Received 1913-14.

Eastern Association	$ 570.41
Wilmington Association	270.86

Cape Fear-Columbus Association	75.46
Cumberland Association	35.71
Brunswick Association	10.00
Total	$ 962.44

Disbursements.

Loaned to Students	$ 302.90
Expenses of School	321.14
Paid for Pianos	211.70
Total	$ 835.74
Balance on hand	$ 126.70

Received 1915.

April On Note to Loan of Students	$ 26.50
April 15 Wallace Church	15.00
Aug. 17 Johnson's Church	15.00
Sept. 27, Wallace Church	15.00
Sept. 1, Beulahville Church	10.00
Sept. 1, Cedar Fork Church	2.00
Sept. 1, Hallsville Church	5.00
Total Balance on hand	$ 215.20

On motion of F. P. Powers the Executive Committee was asked to apportion $160.00 a year for three years to liquidate the indebtedness on Dell School.

The Finance Committee offered its report, which was adopted.

The Treasurer offered his report, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received for State Missions	$ 7.00	
Received for Home Missions	7.00	
Received for Foreign Missions	7.00	
Received for Ministerial Education	2.50	
Received for Ministerial Relief	2.50	
Received for Orphanage	11.90	
Received for Minutes	68.74	
Check to Walters Durham		$ 26.00
Check to S. H. Averitt		11.90
Check to J. A. Sullivan		61.37
Balance on hand		7.37
	$ 106.64	$ 106.64

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. M. Craig.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association convened at 2 o'clock. A devotional service was conducted by J. A. Sullivan.

The Committee on Place and Preacher offered its report.

Your Committee on Place and Preacher for the next Association beg to submit the following report:

(1) That the meeting be held on Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916.

(2) That the meeting be held at the Baptist Church in Wallace.

(3) That the introductory sermon be preached by Rev. W. G. Hall, and that Rev. W. B. Rivenbark serve as alternate.

(4) That the missionary sermon be preached by Rev. J. A. Sullivan and Rev. C. V. Brooks as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. CASHWELL,
R. P. HINTON,
W. C. KEITH,
Committee.

Adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business offered its report (see page 3).

The report was adopted.

The Association appointed as delegates to the Baptist State Convention the following brethren: W. B. Rivenbark, F. P. Powers, R. M. VonMiller.

G. E. Leftwich offered the following resolution:

Whereas, there is an urgent need of getting closer together in our work; and whereas, there is now a growing tendency of extreme independence; therefore be it resolved—

(1) That we hold monthly in the city of Wilmington on Monday evening after the first Sunday a conference of pastors and laymen—outline of said meetings to be under superivision of Executive Committee of Association.

(2) That these conferences shall have the authority to appoint committees and do such work as in their judgment is necessary, subject to the Executive Committee of the Wilmington Association.

Adopted.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the Long Creek Church and community for their splendid hospitality and entertainment.

P. E. Shaw presented the Report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Liquor.

Liquor has been driven from Russia, because the Czar is conserving his resources to meet the enemy. How much more we ought to conserve our resources to fight the forces of evil—the world, the flesh and the devil.

Tobacco.

No young man ought to be permitted to preach the gospel who will not give up the tobacco habit. We commend our Methodist brethren in their stand along this line.

Coca-Cola.

The coca-cola habit is an evil of such proportions that the true follower of God cannot ignore it. Let every Christian refuse to be poisoned by drinking coca-cola.

Will a true Christian poison himself? Will he drink liquor, smoke cigarettes, and drink dope?

Let all pray that these evils may be destroyed.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. SHAW.

The report was discussed by P. E. Shaw and C. E. Brewer.

J. A. Sullivan, for W. M. Craig, presented the Report on the B. Y. P. U.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

To fully appreciate the work of the B. Y. P. U. and to understand its real value to the church one must be entirely familiar with what it is and how it is conducted. We must not confine our thought to a group of young people meeting from time to time carrying out a program as outlined in the Quarterly, but we must take a broader view, thinking of the initiative on the part of the members and, at the same time keeping in mind the orginality of thought. That is to say, we must judge a B. Y. P. U. like any other organization; namely, by its results. This report shall not consume the time of this body in specifying as to its results other than to bring to the attention of our people the initiative on their part in erecting new rooms and giving to the churches a more adequate equipment in meeting the pressing demands of a growing church. That step opens the way for a larger and more efficient church organization on account of the new additions. That is a distinct contribution to the whole church.

Another vital fact of supreme importance is the stress laid upon the value of systematic Bible reading. Under the present method much progress is being made in arousing a real desire

on the part of the young people to read their Bibles oftener. This, we all agree, that if there is one weak spot in our denominational life it is the indifference on the part of many to make a careful and systematic study of the Word of God. Then this phase of the young people's work is wonderfully effective in stimulating a deeper interest in home study on the part of the parents. In considering their work a real value we must not overlook the many splendid conferences of worth brought to our churches through the noble efforts of the B. Y. P. U's. By so doing they afford our people an opportunity of hearing some of the best Bible scholars and platform speakers. In other words, the B. Y. P. U. helps to develop material for every department of our church life.

We, of the Wilmington Association, should feel proud of the interest taken in our young people by quite a number of our churches, and also feel elated over the splendid spirit pervading our churches, because of our young people. We should rejoice in the fact that at the last State B. Y. P. U. Convention the banner was awarded to Calvary Church, one of the progressive churches in our own Association. Then, too, it was voted to hold the next State Convention in Wilmington. Thus we see our people are awake to the real merits of such an organization.

In conclusion, the following recommendations after careful consideration are offered:

(1) That each church in the Wilmington Association as far as possible undertake to organize a B. Y. P. U.

(2) That we adopt the use of the B. Y. P. U. Quarterly, believing it furnishes the best means to successfully conduct the weekly meetings.

(3) That hereafter each church strive to have a member of the B. Y. P. U. present at the Association.

(4) That we heartily endorse the action to secure a State Secretary for his full time, and arrange to contribute for the maintenance of same.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. CRAIG.

The report was discussed by L. B. Olive, and adopted.

J. A. Sullivan offered the report on The Biblical Recorder.

REPORT ON THE BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the official organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Its weekly circulation is less than 15,000. There are 256,000 white Baptists in this State, and some 200,000 do not read the Recorder. There are approximately 75,000 Baptist homes in the State, and at least 60,000 of them do not receive the weekly visits of our paper. There are probably from 3,000 to 5,000 new Baptist homes entered

or formed each year, without the Recorder reaching one-tenth of that number. We have nearly 15,000 baptisms each year, but it is doubtful if the Recorder enlists one in a hundred of these new members in real Christian service. Scores of our ordained ministers, hundreds of our Sunday School superintendents and church clerks, and thousands of our deacons are not readers of the Recorder.

We will never reach a point of high efficiency as a denomination until the medium of communication between us is more widely read. There ought to be not less than 25,000 subscribers, and the number ought to far exceed this. The directors feel that when a stable minimum circulation of 20,000 weekly is reached, the price can be reduced to $1.00 per year. We cannot change this condition throughout the whole State, but we can improve this condition in our local churches.

The Recorder is worthy of a heartier support from North Carolina Baptists. From all over our Southland comes words of highest commendation of its statesman-like editorials, and its informing news columns. It ranks among the highest of our State papers, and is second to none.

Each church is urged to have an every home canvass, and observe "Recorder Day" as an effective means of materially increasing the circulation of one of the best religious papers in the whole country.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SULLIVAN.

The report was discussed by J. A. Sullivan, and then adopted.

The Moderator announced the standing committees for next year (see page 2).

The Association adjourned by singing "Blest Be the Tie" and benediction by C. F. Whitlock to meet with the Baptist Church at Wallace, Wednesday after the first Sunday in October, 1916.

G. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator.

J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

WILL HOLD ITS NEXT ANNUAL CONVENTION
WITH THE BURGAW BAPTIST CHURCH
JULY 28, 29, 30, 1916

Officers.

President, Durham Powers, Willard, N. C.
Vice-President, Geo. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Nell Dempsey, Wrightsboro, N. C.

Executive Committee.

G. E. Leftwich, chairman,
E. L. Weston,
W. G. Hall
E. T. Batson.

Pastors, superintendents, and teachers interested in Sunday School work are urged to be present. Efforts will be made to make it one of the best conventions yet held.

MINUTES

OF THE

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION

SEAGATE, N. C.

The fifth annual meeting of the Wilmington Woman's Missionary Union, Association met at Seagate, N. C., Tuesday and Wednesday, August 24, and 25, 1915.

Tuesday's Program.

Devotional exercises by Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Seagate, N. C.
Prayer, by Rev. O. N. Marshall, Seagate.
Address of welcome, by Mrs. O. N. Marshall, Seagate.
Response by Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw.

The Association being without a Secretary, Miss Julia A. Hayes, Wilmington, was elected.

Vice-President's report was as follows: Missionary Societies that have reported each quarter: Teacheys, Wallace, Winter Park, Emma's Chapel, Jacksonville, Delgado, Seagate, Burgaw, Atkinson, Canetuck, Salem, Wrightsboro, Willard, Bethlehem, Masonboro, First Church, Calvary, Southside, Wilmington. New Societies organized during 1915: At Watha, W. M. S., Mt. Holly, W. M. S.; Wrightsboro, Y. W. A.; Seagate, Sunbeam Band. Number of Missionary Societies in 1914, eighteen, in 1915, twenty-two. Number of Y. W. A's. in 1914, six, in 1915, nine. Y. W. A's, First Church, Wilmington, lead the Association for the year. Sunbeams, Calvary, Wilmington, lead the Association for the year. New members in Societies this year, fifty-four. I have travelled two hundred and thirty-six miles. Made sixteen addresses, visited sixteen Societies, answered sixty-three phone calls. written one hundred and seventy-four letters. Y. W. A's. that have reported each quarter: Junior and Senior, First Church, Wilmington, Calvary, Wilmington, Atkinson, Wallace, Burgaw, Sunbeams reported each quarter: First Church, Wilmington, Southside, Wilmington, Calvary, Wilmington, Delgado, Winter Park, Watha, Wrightsboro, Atkinson, Masonboro, Jacksonville. This report covers the work since I went in office the first of January.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE WHITNEY.

The Vice-President appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee—Mrs. O. C. Byerly, Wilmington; Miss May Cox, Richland; Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard; Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington; Miss Winnie Smith, Atkinson. Time and

Place—Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, Wilmington; Mrs. W. G. Hall, Wilmington; Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Winter Park.

Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw, Treasurer, made her annual report. Mrs. Bland stated she did not think the assessment of ten cents per member was exactly clear to all as so few had responded. She explained this ten cent per member was to help defray the traveling expenses of the Vice-President, and to buy stationery, stamps and other things needed to carry on the work. She made an earnest plea that each Society in the Association send it immediately. Mrs. O. N. Marshall, literature committee, made her annual report. Mrs. Marshall called attention to the fact that as many members were not taking the Biblical Recorder, In Royal Service, Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field this year as heretofore. Much emphasis was laid on the fact that our women, in order to keep in touch with missions must read our mission papers.

"Today's Opportunity in Missions in Foreign Lands", by Mrs. O. C. Byerly, Wilmington.

"Our Training School at Louisville", "Why and How" by Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard.

Miss Blanche Barrus, who was to have spoken on "Our Home Land", was called back to Raleigh on account of the extreme illness of Miss Heck. Special prayer was offered for Miss Heck's aged mother.

Evening Session.

Hymn No. 613.

Devotional exercises by Rev. Marshall Craig, acting pastor, First Church, Wilmington.

"How Not To Do It" by the following young ladies of the First Church, Wilmington, Misses Mary Johnson, Josie Lathrop, Vivian McEachern, Lessie Abrams, Lila Ward Koonce, Marian Allen, Elise Jones, Mary Lathrop.

Annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of Southside, Wilmington. His text was from Genesis, first chapter, third verse. Mr. Hall's sermon was very impressive and instructive.

The Vice-President appointed the following committee to send a message of sympathy and love to Mrs. Heck: Mrs. Trabue Barksdale, Wilmington, Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw, Mrs. R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville.

Solo, "Rock of Ages", by Mr. W. B. Muse, Wilmington.

Closing prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Sullivan, pastor of Calvary, Wilmington.

Wednesday Morning Session.

Devotional exercises by Mrs. L. M. Rouse, Seagate, N. C.

Prayer by Miss Alice Brooks, Wilmington, N. C.

"The Missionary Society in the Local Community", by Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Winter Park.

Mrs. C. B. Newcomb, Wilmington, talked on "Greater Efficiency in Our Societies."

Solo by Miss Lucile Riley, Wilmington.

"Our Missionary Magazines, Some Definite Plans for Larger Circulation and for Mission Study in Our Association", by Mrs. O. N. Marshall, Seagate. "The Sunbeam Work in Our Association" by Mrs. Ed. Hall, Winter Park. "R. A. Work in Our Association", paper prepared by Mrs. B. T. Hopkins, was read by Mrs. Trabue Barksdale, Wilmington. "Y. W. A. Work in Our Association", by Mrs. Allie Alderman, Wilmington. "Responsibility of W. M. U. for the Sunbeam Leader", by Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, Wilmington.

"The Growth in Personal Service in Our Association", by Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Masonboro. This included Mrs. Hewlett's annual report as Chairman of the Personal Service Committee. Mrs. Hewlett's report was very interesting and instructive.

The Vice-President appointed the following Committee on Resolutions: Mrs. R. L. Brown, Jacksonville; Miss Sallie Harrell, Burgaw, Mrs. Addison Hewlett.

Wednesday Afternoon.

Reports from the Nominating Committees are as follows: Vice-President, Miss Florence Whitney, Wilmington; Assistant Vice-President, Mrs. R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw; Secretary, Miss Julia A. Hayes, Wilmington; Sunbeam Leader, Mrs. L. O. Smith, Wilmington; Personal Service, Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Masonboro; Y. W. A. Leader, Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard; Literature Committee, Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Winter Park.

The Committee on Time and Place reported the church at Williard had invited the Association to meet with them in 1916, time to be decided on later.

"Y. W. A. in the Country Church" by Miss Nell Dempsey, Wrightsboro.

"Training the Children in Mission Thought and Giving", by Mrs. S. F. Garrison, Calvary, Wilmington.

The balance of the session was given over to the Sunbeams.

Devotional exercises by little Miss Rogers, Seagate. who read Mark 10:13-27. Song, "Two Little Eyes", by little Ammie Newcomb, Katherine Hill, of Wilmington.

"Welcome" by the Sunbeams, by Master Elberton Milton, Seagate.

Solo, "Shining", by little Miss Hinton, Jacksonville.

Paper on the Seaside Chautauqua, by little Miss Larkins, Seagate. This paper was her own composition.

"The Rally Cry", by the Delgado Sunbeams.

A tiny little Sunbeam from Calvary recited a little recitation, which was much enjoyed.

A dialogue, "Foreign Missions", by four girls from Calvary Church.

Song, "Little Missionaries", by Calvary Sunbeams.

"Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam", by all the Sunbeams present.

Closing prayer, by Rev. O. N. Marshall, pastor, Seagate.

The ladies of Seagate are to be congratulated on the royal good time extended the visitors. On Tuesday a delightful dinner was served on the church lawn, on Wednesday a fish fry was given, nice mullets fried just enough to taste well. The meeting was a success, and every delegate left feeling that they had gained something and with the determination of returning home and putting into practice some of the things they knew would benefit their Society. We look for greater things this coming year in the Association.

JULIA A. HAYES, Secretary.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

Church.	Pastor and Postoffice.	Clerk. and Postoffice.	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains.			Losses.			Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
					By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark, Teacheys	E. G. Bostic, Atkinson	1	$ 2,000	7	11		4		3	82	111	193
Barlow's Chapel	T. J. Baker, Teacheys	R. S. Atkinson, Sloop Point	2	1,000	4			5	3	2	54	77	131
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn, Bladenboro	F. B. Moore, Currie	4						2	1	23	21	44
Bethelem	E. L. Weston, Burgaw	S. E. Pridgen, Currie	2	1,000	7	2		12		1	74	77	151
Burgaw	E. L. Weston, Burgaw	C. E. McCullen, Burgaw	1-3	5,000	1	4		4			38	57	95
Canetuck	E. L. Weston, Burgaw	R. D. Pridgen, Currie	4	400	8	4		11	4	4	60	72	132
Caswell	A. L. Goodrich, Point Caswell	O. B. Malpass, Currie	4	1,000	9	15		2		1	25	36	61
Centerville	E. L. Weston, Burgaw	W. J. Kelly, Kelly	3	2,500	4	1	1	2		1	25	39	64
Emma's Chapel	C. H. Cashwell, Beulahville	W. E. Taylor, Richlands	4	4,000		2		3	1	1	34	43	77
Harmony	B. G. Early, Rose Hill	J. L. Costin, Ivanhoe	1	600		4		3	2	1	29	39	68
Haw Bluff	W. M. Kelly, Kelly	L. C. Boswell, Ivanhoe, R. 2	3	500			1	2	2	1	30	51	81
Ivanhoe	A. L. Goodrich, Point Caswell	C. R. Corbett, Ivanhoe	3		2	1			2		25	28	53
Jacksonville	R. M. Von Miller, Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson, Jacksonville	1-3	7,000	19	5	4	3	2	3	37	62	99
Long Creek	A. D. Carter, Garland	W. H. Turner, Currie	1		4	4	1	6		3	43	58	101
Masonboro		E. Walton, Wilmington, R. 2	1-3	1,000	1						40	60	100
Moores Creek	J. H. Dobson, Atkinson	Clyde Moore, Currie	4	400				2			32	40	72
Mount Holly	R. M. Von Miller, Jacksonville	J. B. Johnson, Watha	4	1,000	5		1	5	1		33	49	82
Nat Moore	A. D. Carter, Garland	R. C. Squires, R. 2	4	1,500				2		1	32	40	72
Olivett	T. J. Baker, Teachey	J. W. Webb, Rocky Point	1	700							21	28	49
Rileys Creek	T. J. Baker, Teachey	D. J. Lewis, Rocky Point	4	800	5	2		3	1	1	40	54	94
Riverside	E. L. Weston, Burgaw	E. T. Batson, Burgaw	1	1,200	3	9		2			18	29	47
Salem	R. M. Von Miller, Jacksonville	Dr. L. D. Bryan, Sneads Ferry	2	800	31	2	1	1			25	62	87
Seagate	O. N. Marshall, Seagate	L. N. Rouse, Seagate	2-4	2,500	8	7		2	2	5	47	60	107
Shiloh	A. L. Goodrich, Point Caswell	J. E. Kenan, Ivanhoe	2	1,500		6	1	3	4	2	52	98	150
Teacheys	C. V. Brooks, Wallace	T. R. McMillan, Teachey	3	2,000	1	3		8	8	2	68	70	138
Wallace	C. V. Brooks, Wallace	J. S. Wells, Wallace	2-4	7,000	25	21		8	22	1	75	115	190
Watha	R. M. Von Miller, Jacksonville	Mrs. Dora Player, Watha	4	1,000	6	6	2	1		1	21	28	49
Well s Chapel	J. H. Booth, Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith, Willard	2		4			7		3	105	125	230
Willard	S. B. Wilson, Delway	W. F. Bowen, Willard	4	1,000	20	3	3	4	1	1	53	75	128
Wilmington, First	W. M. Craig, Wilmington	W. B. Muse, Wilmington	Every	64,000	69	56	4	69	2	2	601	706	1,307
Wilmington, Southside	W. G. Hall, Wilmington	A. F. Walton, Wilmington	Every	20,000	8	38		10	14	8	188	326	514
Wilmington, Calvary	J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington	G. C. Gilbert, Wilmington	Every	9,000	34	17	2	21		5	184	264	448
Winter Park	W. M. Craig, Wilmington	H. B. Shaw, Wilmington	Every	1,500	2	6				1	21	33	54
Wrightsboro	W. B. Rivenbark, Teacheys	P. H. Rasberry, Wilmington	3	2,500	8	6	1	5			25	31	56
Totals				144,400	294	236	23	210	73	55	2,260	3,064	5,324

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Sunday School Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Min. Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	Total
Atkinson	$ 150.00	$ 150.00	$ 5.00	$ 15.00	$14.70	$ 1.00	$	$ 14.50	$ 14.94	$ 17.75	$	$12.00	$ 2.50	$ 2.50	$	$ 50.87	$ 450.76
Barlow's Chapel	186.00		4.24		4.00	2.50		10.00	10.00	10.00		10.00		3.00		32.40	272.14
Bear Branch	35.00	2.00		2.00		.50		3.43									42.93
Bethlehem	250.00			10.44	4.80	2.00		10.25	2.00	1.75	1.33	5.50			2.00	130.78	420.85
Burgaw	400.00	54.89	40.42	92.22		2.50		73.77	24.40	161.00		68.77	10.00	10.00		79.36	1,017.33
Canetuck	250.00			9.28	3.63	2.00		12.06	20.00	20.54		10.00	5.00	7.50	10.00	59.75	409.76
Caswell	100.00	43.85	20.84	30.59	7.91	.75		1.78	1.45	1.80	.50	7.00	.50	.50	.50		217.97
Centerville	32.00			15.00		2.00		2.75	2.06	2.10	4.26					54.72	114.89
Emma's Chapel	92.75	4,225.28				1.00		25.00	10.00	5.00	5.00		2.00	2.00		499.76	4,867.29
Harmony	150.00			4.60	1.00			3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	4.00					169.60
Haw Bluff	50.00		10.50			1.00		1.00	1.00	1.00		1.54					66.04
Ivanhoe	125.00					1.00		3.00	3.00	3.00		4.15					139.15
Jacksonville	350.00	101.60	145.49	40.61	3.10	3.00		40.00	31.50	50.00	3.50	60.00	5.00	5.00	10.00	24.00	872.80
Long Creek	125.00	57.89	63.17	2.50					.78	3.35		2.41	1.65				256.75
Masonboro	325.00		145.00	25.00	10.00			4.45	5.25	5.00		17.15			3.25		540.10
Moores Creeek	50.00	3.00		1.76				2.00	1.31			6.00		1.68			64.75
Mount Holly	70.36	23.24		4.62	.98	1.00		5.50	2.85	4.11		3.65	1.00				117.31
Nat Moore	81.00	52.54	2.80	2.40		1.30											140.04
Olivett	7.00							5.00	2.50	5.00	7.50						27.00
Rileys Creek	160.00	60.00	21.00	10.00		.75										37.00	288.75
Riverside	100.00		2.00	13.00		1.00		29.55				6.00					151.55
Salem	93.47	51.40	83.50	10.04	.70	1.50		9.50	7.50	9.20		3.00	1.00			1.00	271.81
Seagate	257.10	31.92	79.35	34.16	10.00	1.00		33.12	16.05	7.70	20.15	38.55					529.10
Shiloh	125.00	1.00		12.00		.50		3.50	2.50	5.00		7.47					156.97
Teacheys	190.25	6.96	3.81	14.65		2.40		20.00		21.00		23.00		3.65		53.89	339.61
Wallace	517.39	215.11	43.15	97.15	21.35	4.00		41.45	32.44	79.00	10.00	36.58	20.00	5.00	55.00	323.35	1,500.97
Watha	97.25		28.03	3.26	.75	1.00		10.25	10.00	12.25	1.50	3.26	1.00			2.04	170.59
Well's Chapel	192.86			12.00		.50		18.14	13.54	13.31	13.30	25.64	2.44	2.50			294.23
Willard	175.00	6.00	29.52		15.00	2.00		8.00	8.00	9.00					10.00		262.52
Wilmington, First	3,730.00	316.31	1,985.00	430.43	186.74	5.00	246.16	398.06	120.00	450.00		146.10	40.00		405.00	2,499.77	10,958.57
Wilmington, Southside	1,200.00	1,350.00	408.39	60.84	74.80	4.00		113.97	53.00	64.50	5.00	97.35	5.00		2.46	63.34	3,502.65
Wilmington, Calvary	1,200.00	35.17	547.61	85.21	29.91	5.00		95.91	44.41	62.69		138.22		9.50	25.45	196.98	2,476.06
Winter Park	360.00	71.95	13.94	55.27	5.00	2.00		32.78	20.48	12.05	5.05	38.50				372.29	989.31
Wrightsboro	175.00	116.31		35.97		2.00		13.00	8.00	11.00		7.39	6.31			30.00	404.98
Totals	11,401.93	6,976.42	3,682.76	1,130.00	394.37	54.20	246.16	1,044.72	471.06	1,051.10	78.09	783.25	103.40	52.83	523.66	4,511.30	32,505.13

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Church.	Superintendent and Postoffice.	Secretary and Postoffice.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in Sunday School.	Months Kept Open.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Atkinson	T. S. Teague, Atkinson	Raymond Howell, Atkinson	1	7	128	136	100	12	7	$ 15.00	$	$	$	$ 15.00
Barlow's Chapel	Miss Ercell Corbet, Sloop Pt.	Gracy Batson, Sloop Pt.	1	7	45	52				2.00	4.19			6.19
Bear Branch	W. H. Brinson, Currie	F. B. Moore, Currie	1	5	29	34	15	12		2.00				2.00
Bethelem	Z. V. Corbett, Currie	S. E. Pridgen, Currie	1	6	80	86	66	12	7	10.44	13.33	5.50	7.65	36.92
Burgaw	W. R. Harrel, Burgaw	Dr. I. W. Brown, Burgaw	1	13	119	132	30	12	1	92.22	49.26	53.10		194.58
Canetuck	S. L. Moore, Currie	C. R. Jordan, Currie	1	8	50	58	41	12	4	9.28	3.04		12.50	24.82
Caswell	J. I. Glisson, Atkinson, R. 1	Isaiah Driver, Pt. Caswell	1	7	78	85	30	12	8	30.59		5.00		35.59
Centerville	E. H. Andrews, Kelly	Lee Smith, Kelly	1	6	50	56								
Emma's Chapel	Mrs. A. Daughrty, Richlands	Mrs. Ray Cox, Richlands	1	10	60	70	25	12		13.10		12.54	3.09	28.73
Harmony	L. H. Gurganous, Ivanhoe	Frank Savage, Willard	1	6	59	65		12						
Haw Bluff														
Ivanhoe	J. C. Moore, Ivanhoe	Mrs. W. T. Lyerly, Ivanhoe	1	4	52	56		12		4.04		12.00		16.04
Jacksonville	A. G. Walton, Jacksonville	L. S. Ward, Jacksonville	1	10	130	140	72	12	19	40.61	41.98	51.08	78.87	212.54
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass, Currie	D. F. Rowe, Currie	1	5	35	40		12	3	2.50				2.50
Masonboro			1	7	78	85	41	12	1	25.00		10.00	10.00	45.00
Moores Creek														
Mount Holly	J. B. Johnson, Watha	I. Murrey, Watha	1	6	60	66	30	12	3	4.62	1.31	2.00		7.93
Nat Moore	R. M. Squires, Kelly, R. 2	G. H. Squires, Kelly, R. 2	1	4	72	76	38	12		2.40				2.40
Olivett	F. C. Shepard, Rocky Pt.		1	4	38	42						4.50		4.50
Rileys Creek	R. B. Moore, Rocky Pt.	J. C. Scott, Rocky Pt.	1	8	54	62		12		10.00				10.00
Riverside	E. T. Batson, Burgaw	T. J. Corbett, Burgaw	1	8	72	80	37	12	3	13.00		6.00	3.00	22.00
Salem	Mrs. L. Grant, Sneads Ferry	Yopp, Sneads Ferry	1	7	120	128	63	12	4	10.04	1.00	3.00	3.33	17.37
Seagate	L. M. Reuse, Seagate	Miss Rosa Rogers, Seagate	1	12	100	112	37	12		34.16	20.15	31.35		85.66
Shiloh	A. T. Bland, Currie	Bennie Herring, Watha	1	5	50	55	45	12						
Teacheys	Francis Savage, Teacheys	Ethel Sloan, Teacheys	1	8	62	70	40	12	1	14.65	1.39	3.00		19.04
Wallace	F. P. Powers, Wallace	Arthur Dempsey, Wallace	2	18	180	198	75	12		97.15	34.50	20.08	81.94	233.67
Watha	Ben Brinkley, Watha	Mrs. Dora Player, Watha	1	8	63	71	35	12	1	3.26	5.50	3.45		12.21
Well's Chapel	W. J. Rooks, Wallace	R. A. Wells, Wallace	2	12	138	150	112	12	4	12.00	9.18	4.12		25.30
Willard	R. T. Rivenbark, Willard	Willie Murray, Willard	1	7	108	115	43	12	13	9.51	5.05	5.08		19.64
Wilmington, First	D. H. Howes, Wilmington	Edgar Child, Wilmington	2	43	700	745		12	41	430.43		102.99	237.66	771.08
Wilmington, Southside	J. M. Batson, Wilmington	J. B. Davis, Wilmington	2	22	322	346	135	12	4	60.84	29.78	48.74	42.48	181.84
Wilmington, Calvary	J. W. Hollis, Wilmington	A. W. Allen, Wilmington	1	22	203	225	157	12	21	85.21	56.75	138.22	114.98	395.16
Winter Park	Dr. D. P. High, Wilmington	C. S. Lewis, Wilmington	1	10	85	95	50	12		55.27	20.78	38.50	53.41	167.96
Wrightsboro	D. J. Watson, Wilm'ton, R. 1	Mrs. M. Horne, Wilm'ton, R. 1	1	8	83	91		12	6	35.97		2.00		37.97
Totals			36	313	3,503	3,822	1,317		151	1,125.29	297.19	562.25	648.91	2,633.64

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Church.	Name of Organization.	President and Postoffice.	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Training School	Other Objects.	Total Contribution.
Atkinson	W. M. U.	Mrs. D. J. Lewis, Atkinson	20	$ 3.50	$ 3.94	$ 9.75	$ 3.00	$ 2.00	$ 22.19
Atkinson	Jr. Y. W. A.	Miss Winnie Smith, Atkinson	8			.50	.50		1.00
Atkinson	Sunbeam	Miss Ruth Jones, Atkinson	10			.50	.50		1.00
Bethlehem	W. M. U.	Miss F. Glisson, Currie		2.00		.75		.50	3.25
Burgaw	W. M. U.	Mrs. E. L. Weston, Burgaw	29	24.71	3.30	37.00	12.83	4.20	82.04
Burgaw	Jr. Y. W. A.	Miss S. Harrell, Burgaw	10	2.00	1.50	2.50	1.00		7.00
Burgaw	Sunbeam	Robert Murray, Burgaw			1.00	1.90			2.90
Calvary	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, Wilmington		15.00	15.07	21.65			51.72
Calvary	Y. W. A.	Miss Minnie Rivenbark, Wilmington		3.50	4.19	6.00			13.69
Calvary	Sunbeam	Mrs. L. O. Smith, Wilmington	20	2.50	2.50		3.00		8.00
Canetuck	W. M. U.	Mrs. A. R. Jordan, Currie	24		6.25	7.30	1.00	.50	15.05
Delgado	W. M. U.	Mrs. Mary Scott, Delgado	12	7.84	3.60	2.00		1.00	14.44
Delgado	Sunbeam	Mrs. C. B. Newcomb, Wilmington			1.00	1.00			2.00
Emma's Chapel	W. M. U.	Mrs W. E. Taylor, Richlands	14	6.75	4.00	5.65	2.00		18.40
First Church, Wilmington	W. M. U.	Mrs. C. O. Byerly, Wilmington	95	46.79	147.97	182.92	100.00	10.00	487.68
First Church, Wilmington	Y. W. A.	Mrs. C. L. Pridgen, Wilmington	50	75.85	73.82	112.08	15.00	5.50	282.25
First Church, Wilmington	Jr. Y. W. A.	Miss Mary Johnson, Wilmington	15	11.00	7.50	17.00			35.50
First Church, Wilmington	R. A.	Dr. L. Allen, Wilmington	12						
First Church, Wilmington	Sunbeam	Mrs. L. F. Gore, Wilmington	25		.53	.75		1.60	2.88
Jacksonville	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville	31	5.00	6.00	8.90	2.50	2.00	24.40
Jacksonville	Sunbeam	Miss Edna Hinton, Jacksonville		2.00	1.50	1.68	1.00	.50	6.68
Masonboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. F. Beasley, Wilmington, R. 2	22		5.23		3.00		8.23
Masonboro	Y. W. A.	Mrs A. M. Hewlett, Wilmington, R. 2							
Masonboro	Sunbeam	Miss Maggie Padrick, Wilmington, R. 2	28	1.00		1.44			2.44
Mount Holly	W. M. U.	Mrs. M. W. McMillan, Watha	12	1.50					1.50
Riverside	W. M. U.	Mrs. S. J. Bowden, Burgaw	12						
Salem	W. M. U.	Miss Eva Canady, Sneads Ferry	40	3.00	3.50	15.80	1.00	2.00	25.30
Seagate	W. M. U.	Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Seagate	22		8.00	5.20	5.00		18.20
Seagate	Sunbeam	Mrs. O. N. Marshall, Seagate	23						
Southside	W. M. U.	Mrs. H. M. Warwick, Wilmington	58	8.00	15.52	13.00	2.32	2.00	40.84
Southside	Sunbeam	Mrs. W. G. Hall, Wilmington		1.38	.68	.75			2.81

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—CONTINUED.

Church.	Name of Organization.	President and Postoffice.	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Training School.	Other Objects.	Total Contribution.
Southside, South Wilmington	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. W. Russ, Wilmington, R. F. D.	4	1.00	2.00				3.00
Teacheys	W. M. U.	Mrs Frank Sloan, Teacheys	21	2.00	5.35	4.75		.75	12.85
Wallace	W. M. U.	Mrs. J. S. Wells, Wallace	34	9.90	5.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	31.90
Wallace	Y. W. A.	Miss B. Fussell, Wallace	8	1.00		1.70	1.00	.80	4.50
Wallace	Sunbeam	Mrs C. V. Brooks, Wallace	30						
Wallace	R. A.		8						
Watha	W. M. U.	Mrs. C. F. Matthews, Watha	20	2.50	2.00	2.00			6.50
Watha	Sunbeam	Mrs. M. A. Matthews, Watha	26	1.25	1.25				2.50
Well's Chapel	W. M. U.	Mrs. R. A. Wells, Wallace, R. F. D.	12						
Willard	W. M. U.	Miss M. L. Powers, Willard	15	1.00	1.00	2.00	2.00		6.00
Winter Park	W. M. U.	Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Wilm'ton, R.F.D.	30	4.00	6.00				10.00
Winter Park	Sunbeam	Mrs J. S. Brown, Wilmington, R. F. D.		1.00	1.50				2.50
Wrightsboro	W. M. U.	Mrs. F. J. Dempsey, Wrightsboro	20		3.00	6.00			9.00
Wrightsboro	Sunbeam	Miss C. Scitters, Wrightsboro	8						
Wrightsboro	Y. W. A.	Mrs. George Darden, Wrightsboro				4.75			4.75
Totals			823	246.97	343.70	487.22	161.65	35.35	1,269.89

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Annual Sermon.
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington, Calvary	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.

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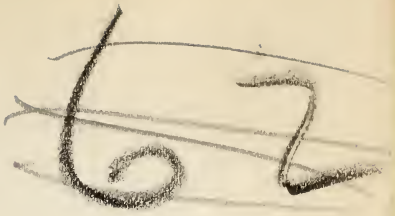

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J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk, ... Wilmington, N. C.
W. B. RIVENBARK, Statistical Clerk, ... Teachey, N. C.

COMMITTEES.

Executive Committee.

W. G. Hall,	R. P. Hinton	J. T. Bland.
D. L. Gore,	F. P. Powers	G. E. Leftwich,

Standing Committees.

Orphanage, ... C. V. Brooks.
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Woman's Work, ... S. B. Wilson.
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Ministerial Register.

√Baker, T. J., ... Teachey, N. C.
√Booth, J. H., ... Rose Hill, N. C.
√Brooks, C. V., ... Wallace, N. C.
√Carter, A. D., ... Garland, N. C.
√Dobson, J. H., ... Aktinson, N. C.
√Dove, A. H., ... Clarkton, N. C.
√Goodrich, A. L., ... Point Caswell, N. C.
√Green, J. R., ... Jacksonville. N. C.
√Hall, W. G., ... Wilmington, N. C.
√Hilburn, R. M., ... Bladenboro, N. C.
√Hocutt, J. D., ... Ashton, N. C.
√Hurt, John Jeter, ... Wilmington, N. C.
√Rivenbark, W. B., ... Teachey, N. C.
√Sullivan, J. A., ... Wilmington, N. C.
√Weston, E. L., ... Burgaw, N. C.
√Wilson, S. B., ... Delway, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 5. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the proceeding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceedings to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

Wilmington Baptist Association

TO BE HELD WITH

The Riverside Baptist Church

BEGINNING OCTOBER 16, 1917.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

(Adopted at Last Session.)

Tuesday.

10.00 a. m.—Devotional.
Roll Call and Organization.
Intrdouctory Sermon. John Jeter Hurt.
11.00 a. m.—Social Service.
Orphanage. Report by C. V. Brooks.
Ministers' Relief. Report by D. L. Gore.
Temperance. Report by J. H. Booth.
Sunday Schools. Report by W. B. Rivenbark.
2.00 p. m.—Devotional.
Christian Education. Report by J. A. Sullivan.
Ministerial Education.
Colleges.
Secondary Schools.
B. Y. P. U. Report by J. R. Green.

Wednesday.

10.00 a. m.—Devotional.
Missions.
State Missions. Report by E. L. Weston.
Home Missions. Report by W. G. Hall.
Report by A. L. Goodrich.
Men's Union. Report by F. P. Powers.
2.00 p. m.—Devotional.
Missions, (Continued.)
Foreign Missions. Report by John Jeter Hurt.
Sunday School Missions. (Report by ————).
Woman's Work. Report by S. B. Wilson.
Miscellaneous Business.
Adjournment.

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

October 4 and 5, 1916

Wallace, N. C., October 4, 1916.

The Wilmington Baptist Association convened with the Wallace Baptist Church, Wednesday, October 4th, at 10:15 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by R. M. Von Miller.

Roll call of churches showed that fourteen were represented at the opening session.

The complete roll of representation during the entire session is as follows:

LIST OF MESENGERS.

Atkinson—By letter.
Barlow's Chapel—By letter.
Bear Branch—By letter.
Bethlehem—B. F. Keith.
Burgaw—W. R. Harrell, H. I. Bowen.
Canetuck—Mrs. D. J. Corbett.
Caswell—O. B. Malpass, Miss Mattie Malpass.
Centerville—W. W. Bush.
Emma's Chapel—By letter.
Harmony—By letter.
Haw Bluff—By letter.
Ivanhoe—By letter.
Jacksonville—R. P. Hinton.
Long Creek—L. S. Croom, W. H. Turner, M. M. Moore, J. F. Herring.
Masonboro—A. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—Mack Nunalee, N. R. Croom.
Mount Holly—A. Carroll.
Nat Moore—By letter.
Olivett—By letter.
Riley's Creek—C. F. Matthews, Mrs. C. F. Matthews.
Riverside—J. D. Hocutt, E. J. Casteen, E. T. Batson.
Salem—By letter.
Seagate—L. G. Bass.

Shiloh—George F. DeVane.
Teacheys—W. W. Norris, Z. J. Carter, Josey Wells, O. E. Page.
Wallace—F. P. Powers, J. M. Camp, A Dempsey.
Watha—Tom Rooks, Boney Brinkley, Mrs. Player.
Well's Chapel—H. W. Fryar, G. W. Ramsey, Ben Newkirk, J. R. Parker.
Willard—Archie Jones, R. W. Southerland, R. W. Savage.
Wrightsboro—G. E. Leftwich, E. S. Hancock.
Winter Park—J. W. Hale, H. B. Shaw, W. O. Page.
Southside—Y. C. Rich.
Calvary—D. L. Gore, Miss Etta Newton, Miss Hettie Newton.
Wilmington—First, A. M. Baldwin.

The organization was effected by electing the following officers: Moderator, G. E. Leftwich; Vice-Moderator, C. V. Brooks; Clerk, J. A. Sullivan; Statistical Clerk, W. B. Rivenbark; Treasurer, F. P. Powers.

The order of business presented at the last session was adopted subject to change as the pastor and deacons of Wallace Church may desire.

C. V. Brooks presented the Association with a gavel made of rhodendron taken from the hillside near Asheville while attending the Southern Baptist Convention. The gift was accepted with thanks by the Moderator.

The introductory sermon was preached by W. G. Hall, text, II Tim: 2: 15.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Devotional, Pastor and Deacons of Wallace Church; Finance, J. W. Hale, J. F. Herring and O. B. Malpass.

The Association recognized the following visitors: M. L. Kesler of the Orphanage, R. M. Von Miller of the Johnston Asociation and R. H. Fussell of Gallatin, Tenn.

The Association adjourned with prayer by S. B. Wilson.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The devotional service was conducted by J. H. Booth. A bevy of little girls rendered a selection entitled "Welcome."

The Maple Hill Baptist church presented a letter of dismission from the Eastern Association to unite with the Wilmington Association.. The church was received and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to J. H. Booth, the pastor of the church.

W. G. Hall presented the report on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday school work is one of our largest enterprises in denominational work. To appreciate what we are today we must look back for a few years and make the contrast. Ten years ago we had 1,741 churches and 1,290 schools. Now there are 2,136 churches and 2,120 schools, a gain of 395 or 23 per cent of the former and 830 or 63 per cent of the latter. In the last ten years we have gained in church membership more than 95,000, while in our schools we have gained more than 110,000. Then we were giving $10,000 to convention work, now we are giving more than $40,000 annually to the Kingdom. The Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., has an educational department, with Dr. P. E. Burroughs as secretary, who would be glad to furnish any school with tracts free on almost every phase of Sunday school work, and we want to urge the schools to use them. We want to urge every pastor to have in each of his churches a teacher training class, and then use those who are willing to take the training as teachers. We desire to urge all our Adult Bible Classes to be registered with the Convention Bible Class department of our Sunday School Board, believing that if it be done it will strengthen our denomination work through the Sunday School.

We desire to recommend:

1. We need a vision of the power and place of the Sunday School and a task in it for every church member.

2. Every church should have a school, and have it open every Sunday in the year.

3. We ought to enlist thousands of the 175,000 church members in our State, who are not in our schools and many of them in our own associations. They need training, and we need them to aid in the work of the Kingdom. A Baptist ought to know what the Bible teaches. It is his supreme authority, then he should be familiar with it. Baptists can never thrive on ignorance of the scriptures. Therefore, every one should be in the Sunday school, as this is the teaching service of the church. Let us strive to make our school attractive, have better equipment in our class rooms, better teachers, more praying, and to teach we should put Christ's kindgdom first in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL, Committee.

The report was discussed by W. G. Hall, after which it was adopted.

The Moderator announced the following committee:

Place and Preacher: W. G. Hall, D. L. Gore, J. E. Page. To Nominate Executive Committee: E. L. Weston, A. M. Baldwin, E. S. Hancock. Program for Next Session: J. H. Booth, A. Hewlett, J. A. Sullivan.

W. B. Rivenback offered the following resolution which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That Article 13 of the constitution be changed to read 'on Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in October.' "

C. V. Brooks presented the report on State Missions.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The First Baptist church in Jerusalem in the first century of the Christian era had a membership of several thousand. Today there are in Jerusalem, 50,000 unconverted Jews, many Mohammedans, a few Romans, but no Baptist church. State mission work was neglected.

In 1701 there were 6,000 Baptists in North Carolina. Attention was given to the churches within the commonwealth. The Baptist State Convention was founded in 1830, the Biblical Recorder and Wake Forest College in 1834. The Thomasville Orphanage in 1885, and Meredith College in 1899. These institutions are a part of our equipment for intensive and extensive state mission work.

In 1896 there were 150,270 white Baptists in the state. Now there are 275,000. The Board of Missions and Sunday Schools consists of 131 of our faithful brethren. Brother W. N. Johnson is their Corresponding Secretary. The work is planned on a financial basis of $85,000. But the task before us is larger than that. It is to teach our own Baptist boys and girls that the Bible is authentic, authoriative and sufficient. That it is simple enough for all to understand the way of salvation, and the form of church government. An important part of this task is to enable other churches to discover these facts. Then we may be able to use all of our forces against the teachings of Romanism and other isms. To evangelize our citizens and plant a New Testament church in every community is the aim of North Carolina Baptists. We recommend that the Wilmington Association request the churches to give $1,200 to State Missions.

Fraternally submitted,
C. V. BROOKS.

Discussion and adoption of this report was deferred until a later time.

D. L. Gore presented the report on the Orphanage.

THE THOMASVILLE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

On Nov. 11th, 1885, the first orphan was received in this home and the last one enrolled the last fiscal year ran the number up to 1,702. They have 500 in all there now, divided into fourteen families. It is costing about $110 a year to support one child; children are received from two to twelve years old and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

Charity and Children is the organ of the institution and, as a friend of

mine once said: "I do the blowing for my business and that is the largest and most important part of it." Charity and Children does the most of the blowing for the Orphanage and it does it well. It is one of the best papers in the State and ought to be in every Baptist family, along with the Biblical Recorder.

The last report does not say how much of the $110 cost per child per year is saved by working the boys in the fields, shoe shop, blacksmith and carpenter shops and printing office, or how much is saved by the girls doing all the domestic work; for instance, cooking, washing, making their clothes, mending them, and things like that.

I have seen the land at Thomasville, and I own it is not so good as our better lands around Wilmington and other sections in the Eastern parts of the State, but there is a great deal more in the man than there is in the land. They should get a good farmer who has some theory and a great deal of practice or experience and then give him number one teams and implements to farm with and furnish a reasonable amount of fertilizer, beside the barnyard manure he makes, and a plenty of orphan boy labor and results will follow that will make the management smile.

I notice the large boys have been taken away from the Kennedy Home. I think that is a very great mistake; those boys should have been made to do all that farm work; there should have been no negro or any other labor on that farm except what those larger orphan boys did. That land is good and I am satisfied if this place is well worked along with the Thomasville farm there can be made enough grain and forage to feed all the horses and cattle and a large portion of the meat and bread the children eat. I was raised on a farm to work from ten to fourteen hours a day and I believe in education, but education without work will manufacture a man or woman that will be a liability and not an asset to the State.

Character, industry and capacity is what all good common sense parents rather have in a son or daughter-in-law than for them to marry a millionaire's son or daughter.

While I think Mr. Kessler is one of the best men to manage it that we could get, he has to carry out the views of the Board of Directors, and from reading the last report I gather that the board has not insisted on the children working enough. Teach morals first and then industry and book knowledge together. There should be more ginger injected into the farm work, I think, and I fear there is not enough domestic science being taught as should be.

The old fashioned ideas of some Southern people that it is a disgrace to work is wrong. "It is an honor to work and a disgrace to be idle." A boy to be idle three or four months in the year like many of ours are between the closing of our schools—June 1st—and the opening of them next October, and would not get into mischief during that idle time, is so dead lazy he is not worth the expense it will take to bury him when dead.

We ought to help support the Orphanage; the help the Sunday schools are giving and the amount of a day's work each one of us give or should give is right and we ought to give it and the orphans ought to be well supported, but they should do all possible to make their meat and bread, and make and mend their own clothes.

Work is the best thing the Lord arranged in His divine dispensation. You

may say all the other good things about a man or woman you can think of, but wind up by saying: "But he or she will not work." That kills it all. Teach the orphan that it is an honor to work and a disgrace to be idle.

All members of the Baptist churches of this State are stockholders—at least all contributing members—of the Orphanage, and the stockholders ought to attend the annual meetings and if they think the Directors are not managing right, then ask questions and make suggestions.

The Orphanage has no better friend than I am. I want us all to whoop it up and make it the best and greatest Orphanage of this nation.

Respectfully submitted,
D. L. GORE.

The report was discussed by M. L. Kesler and then adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by S. B. Wilson.

Wednesday Evening.

The Association convened at 7:45.

The devotional service was conducted by L. B. Olive.

Visitors recognized were J. B. Newton, of the Eastern Association, and L. B. Olive, of Dell School.

J. H. Booth presented the report on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Richmond, Virginia, in its last report tells of a year of triumphant success both at home and abroad. The total contributions for the year, including the amount raised on the Judson Centennial Fund, was $806,729. The only drawback on the year's work was the fact that the contributions for the current support amounting to $518,323, left a deficit which, combined with the old debt, made a total indebtedness of $180,000. At the meeting of the convention in Asheville a great movement was started for the purpose of paying off this heavy indebtedness, and many of our brethren and sisters have made beautiful and jopful responses to this appeal.

The campaign to raise the Judson Centennial Fund of $1,250,000 has been successful. There is need that our pastors encourage the prompt collection of the suscriptions to this fund.

Within the year there have been 6,471 converts baptized and 77 churches instituted. Our foreign missionaries now number 315 of whom 133 are men and 182 are women. The membership of our mission churches is now 42,632 organized into 459 churches, 95 of which are self supporting. The native Christians contributed $129,561 to the work in their midst. We have 462 Sunday Schools which report 10,490 scholars. There are 453 mission schools with 13,531 students. Of these mission schools six are Women's Bible Training Schools, with 200 students, and ten are Theological Training Schools, with 191 students. We have now 19 medical missionaries, 9 hospitals, and 10 dispensaries. Our medical missionaries treated 74,846 patients last year.

The native churches are taking great strides toward self-support, self-government and self-propagation. One field will serve to illustrate this. In Brazil the per capita gifts for all objects is $5.72. Our Brazilian Baptists have their own Home and Foreign Mission Boards. Many churches in the foreign fields are building their own houses of worship, paying the salaries of their pastors, and contributing to the support of missionary work in their own lands and elsewhere. Native workers are being trained and as we look into the near and far future the outlook is indeed bright.

The Convention at Asheville ordered the consolidation of the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field into one magazine to be published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. This consolidated magazine will still be the organ through which the Board and its missionaries will be able to speak most effectively to the churches at home. It is of very great importance that all the churches take steps immediately looking to a large circulation of this magazine.

In view of the imperative need of re-enforcement on all our foreign fields and the very great importance of meeting the current support of this work this year and avoiding another debt. We recommend that the churches of this association make larger contributions to Foreign Missions this year and that this be done before April 30, 1917. The amount asked of this state is $55,000, and we hope this association will do its part toward raising that amount.

In a thousand ways God is calling upon Southern Baptists to make a great advance in Foreign Mission work. We would plead that sacrificial effort and constant prayer for the success of this year be practical in all the churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. H. BOOTH, Committee.

The report of Home Missions Was Presented by J. A. Sullivan.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, located at Atlanta, Georgia, is the agency through which Southern Baptists, as a single body, address themselves to the task of saving the lost and building up the churches in the whole South.

The task of Home Missions is immense. The territory served by the Home Board embraces 1,000,000 square miles and has in it about 36,000,000 people. After counting out 4,000,000 as infants or other irresponsible persons, 18,000,000 persons in the South make no profession of religion.

To meet this immense need last year our board maintained wholly or in part 1,409 missionaries. These reported 43,792 baptisms and brought into the churches 71,386 persons. They organized 167 Baptist churches and 321 Sunday Schools. They held up before the eyes and hearts of men in more than 5,000 communities the Light of the World, the Saviour of mankind. No Mission Board in America was ever blessed with such large success or such marked evidences of the favor of God on its workers.

In the highlands and on the plains, in the cities and the countryside, among white and black, natives and foreigner, in Cuba and the Canal Zone, mes-

sengers of Christ have brought light for darkness and driven out sin with divine love.

This year the Convention has apportioned $438,750 for Home Missions, to be raised by Baptist churches in seventeen States. This is less than $18 for each church. Nearly every one of the smaller and weaker churches are able to raise this amount for so great a cause, and thousands of stronger ones should do far more than that.

It is earnestly urged that we avail ourselves of the tracts furnished free by the Board, that we form missionary study classes, that we pray for the success of this branch of the Kingdom's work, that at least one sermon be preached each year on Home Missions.

It is also urged that we take steps to apportion among the churches of our Association the amount asked of us by the Board, and that this list be published in the minutes.

Fraternally submitted,
J. A. SULLIVAN.

After discussions by J. H. Booth and J. A. Sullivan, the report was adopted.

New pastors in the Association were recognized: John Jeter Hurt, of the Wilmington First church and J. R. Green, of the Jacksonville field.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. J. Hurt.

Thursday Morning.

The Association convened at 9:15. The devotional service was conducted by C. E. Brewer.

The minutes of the Wednesday sessions were read and approved.

The folowing visitors were recognized: C. E. Brewer, of Meredith College; W. N. Johnson, State Secretary; J. M. Page, representing the Biblical Recorder, and L. N. Sewell, of the Eastern Association.

J. R. Green presented the report on Woman's Work.

WOMAN'S WORK.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you a few facts concerning the work of our women in the Wilmington Association.

Interest in Missions has deepened, the women are enthusiastic, more literature on Missions has been subscribed to than ever before, more of the women are taking part in the monthly programs than usual. During this year these noble women have made over two thousand visits to the poor, the sick, the shut ins and the strangers, and many garments have been made and given to the poor. The women are giving themselves to the Master's service. Like

Him they have gone about doing good wherever they have found a soul in any need, and underneath all that they have done inspiring their efforts is the heaven-born desire to win the lost to the Savior. How beautiful is the loving consecration exemplified in the work of these women.

Miss Whitney, the Associational president says that the co-operation on the part of the women in carrying on the work has been very gratifying. There have been more Mission Study Classes this year than before, and with the circulating library this winter they expect to have nearly every society studying missions.

The president has travelled 246 miles, has written 205 letters, 21 postals, held ten meetings, attended the Woman's Convention at Winston-Salem, presided at the Associational meeting at Willard.

Two Y. W. A.'s one Sunbeam Band and one Royal Ambassador Chapter have been organized this year.

Let us heed the injunction of Paul when he said "Help these women who have labored with me in the furtherance of the gospel."

Every church in the Association should have a Woman's Missionary Society. There is no need to say we can't. We can if we will.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. R. GREENE.

After discussion by J. R. Green, the report was adopted.

It was decided to change the program to have subjects in the following order: Biblical Recorder, Christian Education and discussion of the State Mission report.

W. B. Rivenbark presented the report on the Biblical Recorder.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder is the official organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The Baptist information and instruction contained in its columns was never more essential among Baptists than now. And we think it has never been more worthy of the support and co-operation of church folks. Of the 275,000 white Baptists in North Carolina there are less than 50,000 who receive its weekly visits. There are scores of our ordained ministers, hundreds of our Sunday School superintendents and church clerks, and thousands of our deacons who do not read the Recorder.

We cannot have and need not expect to have earnest interest and co-operation on the part of the membership of our churches in the great enterprises of the denomination, missions, beneficience, educational and other objects, until our people become informed on these subjects. We will never reach a point of high efficiency as a denomination until the medium of communication between us is more widely read.

Recent conditions have forced the price of The Recorder to $2.00. But your committee recommends: First, a more hearty support to our State

paper which is second to none. Second, our churches observe "Recorder Day" as soon as practical.

Respectfully Submitted,
W. B. RIVENBARK.

The report was discussed by J. M. Page and adopted.

John Jeter Hurt presented the report on Christian Education.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Why should a Baptist Church support a Baptist School? This question brings us to the heart of the matter considered. Many voices would answer. (1) Sentiment. She would testify that when the first Baptist church was built in America there was written into the record, "This house has been built to worship God and to hold commencements in." (2) Experience. Other churches support denominational schools. (3) Need. No high-grade school, either State or denominational, pays its own way. (4) The Great Commission. It is just as imperious for education as it is for baptism.

But we can linger to hear three other voices only. And the first one says, **It takes a Baptist church and a Baptist school working together to bring the individual to his highest reach of efficiency.** With all of our grouping and combining we must not forget that the individual is still God's unit of society. Christ still counts by ones. But the untrained individual is a liability rather than an asset. One fool can blast in a minute what it took a hundred wise men a whole year to construct. President Faunce says, "The chief obligation of society is to give the individual a chance." The bigger the machinery the bigger must be the brain that directs it. The longer the railroad system the further must be the vision of the man that presides over it. The greater the competition in farming the more pentetrating must be the mind of the farmer. The church cannot instruct in all these things, and it is unwilling that any other institution should instruct in them and away from the church at the same time. Hence the church builds and supports a school that thinks like itself, but deeper and further.

Again, **It takes a Baptist Church and a Baptist School, working together to preserve New Testament democracy.**. Thomas Jefferson defined democracy as "The greatest amount of freedom for the greatest number of people." But a person cannot have real freedom so long as the shackles of ignorance are upon him. And, so long as he is in ignorance of his rights, his obligations and his opportunities he is an easy prey to others of selfish and unscrupulous spirit. Jesus said, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Real fraternity prevails when men know one another, and the principles that bind them—and respect one another on the basis of this knowledge.

And then. **The Baptist church and the Baptist school have the same mission on earth—to establish righteousness.** Our schools ought to help us in this sublime task, and they do. Men like Poteat, and Brewer, and Campbell, and Olive love a product more than a process; a revival more than a chemical revelation; and the kingdom of Heaven more than all the kingdoms of men. For these reasons we salute them as our fellow-helpers in the churches;

and send to them our young men, and maidens, and our money too.

We recommend, That in the effort to raise this year for Christian Education the sum of $20,000 each one of our churches give to this cause a sum equal to two-fifths of what that church gives to State Missions.

Fraternally Submitted,

JOHN JETER HURT.

The report was discussed by John Jeter Hurt, C. E. Brewer, L. B. Olive, and then adopted.

W. N. Johnson discussed the report on State Missions.

The Association adjourned with prayer by John Jeter Hurt.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Association re-convened at 2 p. m.

The devotional service was conducted by the Moderator, prayer by T. J. Baker.

The Moderator anounced the standing committees for next session. (See Page Three.)

The Finance Committee offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Thirty churches represented, twenty-two of whichsending funds, eight sending none, four churches not reported.

For Minutes	$40.15
For the Poor	2.00
For Dell Echool	10.00
For Orphanage	11.50
For State Mission	10.08
For Home Mission	13.00
For Foreign Mission	10.00
Total	$96.73
	4.00
	$100.73

The Committee suggest that all funds be sent direct to Treasurer of the State Convention except Minute funds.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. F. HERRING,
O. B. MALPASS,
J. W. HALE,

A collection in subscriptions and cash amounting to about $12.00 was taken to help pay the cost of printing the minutes.

The Treasurer's report was offered and adopted.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Balance in bank from 1914	$ 7.37	
Amount received from Finance Committee	126.19	$133.56
Check to Walters Durham		39.39
Check to L. B. Olive		10.00
Check to F. B. Hambrick		8.65
Check to Mutual Publishing Company		51.25
Check to Evening Dispatch		1.75
Check to J. A. Sullivan for Postage, etc.		8.28
Balance in bank 1915		14.24
		$133.56

Respectfully Submitted,
F. P. POWERS, Treasurer.

The committee on nominating the Executive Committee presented its report, which was adopted.

We, your committee, take pleasure in recommending as members of the Executive Committee the following brethren:

Rev. W. G. Hall. Brethren D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton, F. P. Powers, G. E. Leftwich, J. T. Bland.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. WESTON,
D. L. GORE,
E. S. HANCOCK.

The report of the Committee on Place and Preacher was presented and adopted.

Your committee on place and preacher for the next Association make the following recommendation:

That Riverside Baptist Church, near Ashton, be the place and the introductory sermon to be preached by Dr. John Jeter Hurt. The meeting to begin Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1917.

Respectfully submitted,
W. G. HALL,
D. L. GORE,
J. E. PAGE.

J. A. Sullivan was elected as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. J. Hurt, R. P. Hinton and D. L. Gore were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

The report of the Committee on Order of Business for next session was presented and adopted. (See Page Seven.)

A further consideration of the State Mission report was indulged in. The report was adopted.

It was voted that the Executive Commnttee be asked to consider the advisability of employing an associational evangelistic and colporter with authority to engage one if ways and means can be provided.

E. L. Weston presented the report on B. Y. P. U.

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U.

The Baptist Young People's Union is an organization that came for a special mission in our churches. What the school does in training the intellect of the young in fitting them for life, the B. Y. P. U. is doing to train young Christians in Christian service and develop them in moral character. Our churches are full of young people whose relation to the church is that of the raw recruit to the army, and as a soldier cannot do effective fighting without military training, in like manner a young recruit cannot and will not do valiant fighting in the Lord's Army without training.

The Sunday School cannot do, and was never intended to do the work for which the B. Y. P. U. came to exist, "the preaching service is a church worshipping." The Sunday School is a church teaching. The B. Y. P. U. is a church developing and training its young members in service.

The great need of our churches is that of efficient church members. The reason our churches are weak in forwarding God's Kingdom, at home and abroad, is because of inefficiency in the work of the church.

"There must be, somewhere in the working plans of our churches, a place to train young Christians, or we shall always lack leaders and workers."

There is scriptural authority for the B. Y. P. U.: "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Timothy II, 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Timothy I, 4:14: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

Article 2 of the constitution of the B. Y. P. U. says: "The object of the B. Y. P. U. shall be the increased spirituality of the young Christians; their training in essential church activities; their edification in Scripture knowledge: their instruction in Baptist doctrine and history; their enlightenment in all forms of missionary endeavor through existing denominational organizations."

There are a number of churches in our Association that have B. Y. P. U.'s and we should like to recommend that wherever possible a B. Y. P. U. be organized in all the churches that do not have one.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. WESTON.

The report was discussed by L. B. Olive and then adopted.

J. M. Page presented the report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The relation of prohibition and temperance is becoming more and more

understood by the masses of our people. Temperance is promoted by both prohibition and moral suasion. Both means should be vigorously used. The progress of temperance in the world has been and is marvelous. Let every member of every church in this Association use every legitimate means to promote temperance everywhere.

J. M. PAGE.

The report was discussed by J. M. Page and adopted.

W. G. Hall offered the following resolutions:

Whereas, the people of North Carolina in 1908, by a majority of 44,000, declared for state-wide prohibition; and,

Whereas, the legalized liquor traffic in other states, and the lawless liquor traffic in this state, have put forth a persistent and continued effort to nullify our prohibition laws, and

Whereas, under the guise of lawfully selling wine and cider and lawfully shipping and receiving liquor into this state, the liquor forces have violated our prohibition laws to the detriment of the best interests of the home, the school and the church; and,

Whereas, the Anti-Saloon League, through its Board of Trustees, has declared for legislation to keep whiskey from being delivered in the state, to prohibit the sale of wine and hard cider, to prohibit social clubs from storing or keeping liquor, to prohibit advertising of liquor in any form, nad to prohibit the posesssion of over two quarts of spirituous liquor; therefore, be it resolved,

1. That the Wilmington Association records its approval of such legislation.

2. That we call upon the membership of the churches throughout this Association to rally to the support of the Anti-Saloon League and assist them in putting this legislation through.

3. That Rev. R. L. Davis, Superintendent of the N. C. Anti-Saloon League, be requested to present a copy of these resolutions to the committees of the General Assembly that will consider the legislation above referred to.

G. E. Leftwich offered the report of the Executive Committee, which was adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

October 1, 1916.

Brethren:—Your committee beg to submit the following report for year closing October 1, 1916:

Early in October of last year we met and apportioned the amount you instructed for Dell School and Wake Forest Church. The result of this work was not reported to your committee. We also apportioned amounts of foreign mission debt under the effort of the men's movement to raise same and only one church (Wallace) thought enough of the effort to make a report (sending $10). At our suggestion the State Board is giving the Onslow field (Rev. J. R. Green) $350; Winter Park field (Rev. J. A. Clark) $300; Southside (Rev. W. G. Hall) $100. Total, $750. Brother Green is doing a good work on the Onslow field,

and Brother Clark was making a success until called last August to High Point. Brother Hall, of Southside, will bring up one of our best letters and, although under a heavy burden of building last spring, refused to receive further aid from the board—an example others could follow. Your committee wishes to congratulate the brethren on their co-operation during the year and on what we believe to be real progress. We would call your attention to the fact that we have in our bounds 4 church buildings have no organization and in 3 no services at all.

Your chairman has visited every church community save one and attended services during the year at 25 churches.

Our monthly meeting did some good, but lack of interest was decided to discontinue.

We congratulate the Association that only one field, Winter Park, Seagate and Masonboro, and one other church, Harmony, are pastorless.

May we have real progress in the Master's service this year.

Submitted,
G. E. LEFTWICH, Chairman Executive Committee.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by W. G. Hall and adopted.

Resolved, That we extend to the pastor and people of Wallace Baptist church, as well as to the entire community, regardless of denominational affiliation our sincere thanks for their splendid hospitality, for their untiring efforts to make the Association a success and for the bountiful provision made to care for the unusual crowds that attended the sessions.

The Association adjourned with prayer by C. E. Brewer to meet with the Riverside Baptist church, Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1917.

G. E. Leftwich, Moderator.
J. A. Sullivan, Clerk.

The Wilmington Baptist Sunday School Association

Sunday School Convention of the Wilmington Baptist Association will hold its next annual convention with the Centerville Baptist Church, August, 1917.

OFFICERS.

President, Durham Powers, Willard, N. C.
Vice-President, G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Nellie Dempsey, Wrightsboro, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. E. Leftwich, chairman, E. L. Weston, W. G. Hall, E. T. Batson, N. H. Carter.

A largely attended and enthusiastic convention was held at Burgaw, N. C. A committee—G. E. Leftwich, J. P. Herring and L. W. Moore—were appointed to secure club rates to our Seaside assembly, and Mrs. G. E. Leftwich was appointed to visit our schools in the interest of the monthly contribution to our Orphanage and subscribing to Charity and Children. All of our schools are urged to get in touch with these committees and send large delegations to Centerville next August.

MINUTES OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

HELD AT

WILLARD, N. C., AUGUST 25 and 26, 1916.

The Sixth Annual Meeting of the Wilmington Association of the Woman's Missionary Union met at Willard, N. C., August 25th and 26th, 1916.

FRIDAY'S PROGRAM.

Opening Hymn.
Prayer by Rev. Mr. Wilson, Willard, N. C.
Scripture Reading, by Mrs. Landis.
Address of Welcome, by Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard, N. C.
Response, by Mrs. Stanland, Seagate, N. C.
Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Another year has passed and another record has been made in our Association. One we may be proud of. There has been a decided growth spiritually. Interest in missions greater than ever before. Although we failed to reach our financial aim, we feel if we can awaken our women to the realization of the needs of our fellowmen our money will be given freely and willingly to the cause of Christ. There has been a larger number of Mission magazines and Recorder subscribers, for a larger number of mission study classes then ever before. More societies are observing the different days of prayer, and best of all the large number of societies engaged in personal service, only a few not having a Personal Service Committee.

This year I have written 205 letters, 25 postal cards, traveled 246 miles, and held ten meetings.

There has been a Y. W. A. Sunbeam and R. A. organized at Willard, a Y. W. A. at Seagate and a W. M. S. at Well's Chapel. Only two societies have gone down this year. There are forty-five active societies that reported each quarter.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Wilmington, First Church.
Wilmington, Southside.
Wilmington, Calvary.
Burgaw, Masonboro.
Canetuck, Watha.
Wallace, Willard.

Jacksonville, Richlands.
Snead's Ferry, Winter Park.
Atkinson and Delgado, South Wilmington and Riverside.

Y. W. A's.

Burgaw, Wallace, Calvary, Wilmington, First Church, Wilmington, Winter Park and Willard.

SUNBEAMS.

Watha, Jacksonville, Burgaw, Canetuck, Winter Park, Delgado, Southside, Wilmington and Seagate.

NEW SOCIETIES.

Willard—Y. W. A., Sunbeams and R. A.
Seagate—Y. W. A.
Sunbeams re-organized—First Church, Wilmington.
Died—Wrightsboro, Sunbeams and Y. W. A.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE WHITNEY.

Report of Y. W. A .Work, by Miss Mary Lou Powers.

Report of Literature Committee was very impressively made by Mrs. D. Maultsby, chairman.

Report of Personal Service Committee, by Mrs. Addison Hewlett, was encouraging.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional Exercises, by Miss Lillie Mae Gaylor, Wilmington.

Demonstration, by the Willard Sunbeams.

"Our Mission Bridge," by Miss Bertha Carroll, Corresponding Secretary, Raleigh, N. C.

Paper—"Why Have a Y. W. A.?" Prepared by Miss Myrtle Rhodes, Wilmington, Read by Miss Vera Milton, Seagate, N. C.

Duet, by Misses Martha Rogers and Helen Stanland, Seagate, N. C.

"Missions for College Girls," was discussed very impressively by Miss Margaret Garcy, Wilmington.

Sermon, by Mr. Brooks, of Wallace.

Treasurer's Report, by Mrs. J. T. Bland, of Burgaw, N. C.

Saturday Morning.

Devotional Exercises—By Mrs. Scott, Jacksonville, N. C.

"Personal Work"—By Mrs. Grant Snead Ferry. Mrs. Grant's talk was especially good.

Paper prepared by Mrs. J. F. Littleton, Wilmington, "When and How to Send Quarterly Reports," read.

"Circle Plans"—By Superintendent.

Quartette of Willard Young Ladies sang, "Business for the King."

Training School, Heck Memorial Chapter, by Miss Bertha Carroll.

Inside Workings of the Training School, by Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard, N. C. Miss Mary Lou Powers also informed the Association that the Y. W. A. had gotten our Superintendent, Miss Whitney, to consent to go to the Training School for one quarter, December and January.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Hymn.

Prayer, by Mr. Wilson, Willard.

Report of W. M. U. Convention, by Mrs. Wells, of Wallace, N. C.

Solo, by little Miss Thelma Johnston, Willard.

"Echoes from Seaside Assembly," by Superintendent.

"Pastor's Place in the W. M. U.," by Rev. Mr. Von Miller, Kenly, N. C.

The Association agreed that each society be urged to help raise the money to pay their part of Miss Whitney's expenses at the Training School, and to send same to Mrs. Bland, Treasurer, and she to send same to Miss Carroll.

Report of Nominating Committee was as follows:

Superintendent, Miss Florence Whitney.

Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. R. P. Hinton, Jacksonville, N. C.

Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. Bland, Burgaw, N. C.

Secretary, Mrs. Robert F. Coleman, Wilmington, N. C.

Sunbeam Leader, Mrs. S. F. Garrison, Wilmington, N. C.

Personal Service, Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin, Wilmington, N. C.

Y. W. A. Leader, Miss Mary Lou Powers, Willard, N. C.

Literature Committee, Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Winter Park.

MRS. J. A. SULLIVAN,
MRS. W. H. GRANT,
MRS. C. E. POWERS,
MRS. F. P. POWERS.
Nominating Committee.

The Association was very much gratified over the excellent reports made by the Literature Committee, Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, chairman. Mrs. Maultsby's report showed the women of the Association are subscribing to our Mission magazines and endeavoring to make themselves better workers for the Master.

The report of the Personal Service Committee, Mrs. Addison Hewlett, was especially gratifying. The total number of visits to the sick were 2,170, to the poor 176, to shut-ins 252, to strangers 575, garments given to the needy 281, amount of money given poor $40.75, times flowers sent to the sick 70, times dainties given 434. This was an excellent report, but let us keep a more strict account of the work done this year and report same to our chairman.

The ladies of Willard entertained the Association royally, serving delightful dinners on the lawn of the church each day.

Our women are praying and doing more personal work than ever before and we expect greater things this year for our Master.

MRS. ROBERT F. COLEMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF RECEIPTS FOR DELL SCHOOL.

Jacksonville,	$10.00
Willard,	$10.00
Burgaw,	$15.00
F. P. Powers, Treasurer,	$10.00

This amount, as best we could get, was sent to the Loan fund. I am writing Mr. Middleton, the treasurer of the Debt fund to send you the amount collected from the Wilmington Association for the debt. So put the above amount to the Loan fund.

L. B. OLIVE.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Atkinson	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	E. G. Bostic	Atkinson	1	$ 2,000.00	10	10		8			85	110	195
Barlow's Chapel	T. J. Baker	Teacheys	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	2	1,000.00				2			57	76	133
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro	F. B. Moore	Currie	4	200.00	4	1			1		24	23	47
Bethlehem	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	2	1,000.00	1	6		4		6	75	74	149
Burgaw	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	1-3	5,000.00							40	60	100
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	4	400.00		5		8		2	56	71	127
Caswell	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	O. B. Malpass	Currie	2	1,000.00		3		2		1	24	37	61
Centerville	A. L. Goodrich	Point Caswell	W. J. Kelly	Kelly	2-4	2,500.00	11	6	2	1			41	42	83
Emma's Chapel	T. J. Baker	Teacheys	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	4	5,000.00							28	44	72
Harmony			J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	1	600.00				2			28	38	66
Haw Bluff	A. H. Dove	Clarkton	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	3	500.00	8	9	4	7		2	35	60	95
Ivanhoe	A. L. Goodrich	Point Caswell	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	3	1,000.00							25	28	53
Jacksonville	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville	1-3	6,000.00		5		5		1	34	62	96
Long Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland	W. H. Turner	Currie	1					15			36	50	86
Masonboro			Elijah Walton	Wilmington-R 2	1-3	1,000.00	19	1	1				47	68	115
Moore's Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	Clyde Moore	Currie	4	400.00		4		3			31	39	70
Mount Holly	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	J. B. Johnson	Watha	4	1,000.00	1			1	3	2	28	42	70
Nat Moore	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	R. C. Squires	Kelly R. 2	4	1,500.00	14	3	1	6	1	1	41	45	86
Olivett	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro	J. W. Webb	Rocky Point	1	500.00						1	22	28	50
Riley's Creek	T. J. Baker	Teacheys	D. J. Lewis	Rocky Point	4	800.00			1	2		2	39	52	91
Riverside	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	1	1,200.00	8	1					22	30	52
Salem	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	L. D. Bryan	Sneed's Ferry	2	800.00	11	2		2			24	68	92
Seagate			L. N. Rouse	Seagate	2-4	2,500.00	10	4		4	5	1	42	66	108
Shiloh	A. L. Goodrich	Point Caswell	J. E. Kenan	Ivanhoe	1-3	1,500.00	13	10		1		1	64	105	169
Teacheys	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	Miss Zula Fussell	Teacheys	2-4	2,000.00				9		3	62	66	128
Wallace	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	J. S. Wells	Wallace	2-4	7,500.00		2		7	47	1	69	67	136
Watha	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	C. F. Mathews	Watha	4	1,000.00				4			20	25	45
Wells' Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith	Willard	2	1,000.00	10	2	1	17	2	4	99	116	215
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway	W. F. Bowen	Willard	4	1,000.00	7	3	2	11	2	4	56	70	126
Wilmington—First	John Jeter Hurt	Wilmington	W. B. Muse	Wilmington	Every	64,000.00	109	58	5	43	3	7	465	633	1098
Wilmington—Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	M. B. Robbins	Wilmington	Every	20,000.00	78	64	1	44	4	3	235	371	606
Wilmington—Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	G. C. Gilbert	Wilmington	Every	12,000.00	66	49	1	39	1	2	235	292	527
Winter Park			H. B. Shaw	Wilmington		1,500.00	6	17		4			34	41	75
Wrightsboro	W. B. Rivenbark	Teacheys	P. H. Rasberry	Wilmington	3	2,500.00	7	8					29	41	70
Total						$149,900.00	393	273	19	251	69	44	2252	3040	5292

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Other Objects	TOTAL
Atkinson	$ 150.00	$ 22.38	$ 31.97	$ 30.00	$ 23.00	$ 1.50	$ 14.20	$ 15.65	$ 18.50		$ 13.00	$ 3.00	$ 3.00	$ 3.45	$ 32.00	$ 311.65
Barlow's Chapel	186.00					2·00	5.00	5.00	18 40		5.00		3.00		40.00	264.40
Bear Branch	75.00			4.00												79.00
Bethlehem	250 00		1.32	13.74	4.55	2.00	30.71	11.00	47.00	$ 5.00	10.85			2.10	43.98	422.25
Burgaw	400.00	245.02	31.43	52.17	9.00	2.50	61.02	50.37	89.57		43.87			15.00	67.00	1,066.95
Canetuck	250.00			10.00	4.30	2.50	18.00	17.05	20.00		18.50		5.00		12.65	358.00
Caswell	75.00		2.78	8.58		.50	2.60	2.25	3·50	3.33	10.23	1.25	1.00		3.90	115.22
Centerville	250.00	239.00	10.00	23.84				18.00								540.84
Emma's Chapel	200.00			32.00		1.00	16.05	10.00	6.00							265.05
Harmony				4.60		.50	2.00	2.00	2.00	1.00	4.35					16.45
Haw Bluff	90·00	50.00	2.75			1.15	2.00	2.00	3.00							150.90
Ivanhoe																
Jacksonville	350.00	11.20	95.41	55.20		5.00	43.87	30.00	50.00	5.00	97.27	5.00	5.00	15.98		768.93
Long Creek	125.00	180.00		2 50		.50					4.60					312.60
Masonboro	150.00	93.00	56.25	37.75		2.00	27.68	5.00	8 80	17.07	8.01				20.00	425.56
Moore's Creek	50.00				2.00	1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00		1.00					60.00
Mount Holly	90.00	16.35		5.91		1.00	8.85	3.46	5.19	1.30	6.18				1.89	140.13
Nat Moore	60.00	15.28	15.50	3.20		1.00										94.98
Olivett	80 00			1.80			5.00	2.50	5.00		7.50					101.80
Riley's Creek	160.00	58.00	27.00			1.00	10.00	8.00	8.70		10.00				50.23	332.93
Riverside	100.00		1.00	20.00		2.00	18.86		25.00		6.00					172.86
Salem	150.00	75.00	35.00	42.67				12.00	7.27		10.13				16.50	348 57
Seagate	235.23	3.50	50.17	31.58		1.00	5.00	5.00	8.80	36.30	34.60			5.00	5.40	421.58
Shiloh	125.00	25.30	1.25	34.95	17.20	1.00	7.09	6.05	6.05	2.42	10.55	1.21	1.29	1.21		240.57
Teacheys	220.16			18.80		3.00	26.75	17.55	34.90	1.90	7.25	5.00	5.00	60.00	35.90	436.21
Wallace	682.07	1,066.03	57.18	77.76	14.30	4.00	55.00	50.00	100.39	10.00	50.00	25.00	5.00	50.00	196.65	2,443.38
Watha	150.00	5.00	2.50	9.59	5.50	1.00	3.75	3.75	8.50		5.80			4.64	19.60	219.63
Wells' Chapel	242.21		8.30	17.15		1.00	19.49	12.97	20.86		36.88	5.04	1.25			365.15
Willard	175.00		34.34	7.26	14.55	1.00	9.35	6.00	6.00	1.00	7.82	2.50	2.00	10.00		276.82
Wilmington, First	3,120.24	1,067.44	345.93	696.91	194.75	10.00	568.90	186.00	414.00	5.00	134.38	175.00		280.00	1,129.61	8,328.16
Wilmington, Southside	1,200.00	1,680.00	293.97	90.40	67.43	5.00	140.80	53.45	65.71	5.00	81.96	5.00	10.47	26.66	295.96	4,021.81
Wilmington, Calvary	1,200.00	74.87	689.17	62.45	46.70	5.00	63.50	57.30	113.46	28.81	218.19	20.00	10.00		322.17	2,911.62
Winter Park	400.00	53.30	107.81	31.02	5.00	3.00	26.00	16.45	20.40	17.00	54.20			16.00	31.50	787.68
Wrightsboro	175.00	1.60	102.00	31.19		1.00	18.70	7 50	5.82		16.37				28.97	388.15
Total	$ 11,165.91	$ 4,988.27	$ 2,003.03	$ 1,457.02	$ 408.28	$ 63.15	$ 1,213.17	$ 618.30	$ 1,123.82	$ 140.43	$ 914.49	$ 248.00	$ 52.01	$ 542.05	$ 2,353.91	$ 27,239.83

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCH	SUPERINTENDENT	POSTOFFICE	SECRETARY	POSTOFFICE	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in S. S.	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Atkinson	T. S. Teague	Atkinson	Arthur Peterson	Atkinson	1	10	115	125	100	12	6	$16.00	$1.00		$18.00	$35.00
Barlow's Chapel	MissErcellCorbett	Sloop Point	Gracy Batson	Sloop Point	1	7	45	52								
Bear Branch	C. D. White	Montague	F. B. Moore	Currie	1	7	30	37	28	12	3	4.00				4.00
Bethlehem	Z. V. Corbett	Currie	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1	6	76	82	40	12	1	13.74	17.00	$6.15		36.89
Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	W. L. Vann	Burgaw	1	11	120	131	40	12		52.17	18.85	3.45		74.47
Canetuck	Earl Moore	Currie	MissViolaHilburn	Currie	1	7	57	64	45	12		10.00				10.00
Caswell	J. L. Glisson	Atkinson	W. I. Driver	Point Caswell	1	6	47	53	25	12		8.58	2.40	1.23		12.21
Centerville	E. H. Andrews	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	1	11	116	127		12	13	23.84				23.84
Emma's Chapel	A. B. Cox	Richlands, N.C.	Mrs.Eugenia Cox	Richlands, N.C.	1	7	38	45	20	12		32.00	2.55	3.00		37.55
Harmony	L. H. Gurganous	Ivanhoe	Frank Savage	Willard	1	6	59	65		12		4.60				4.60
Haw Bluff	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	J. R. Barnhill	Point Caswell	1	5	25	30								
Ivanhoe	J. C. Moore	Ivanhoe	Mrs.W.T.Lyerly	Ivanhoe	1	4	52	56		12						
Jacksonville	A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville	1	12	111	123	64	12		55.20	20.87	97.27	61.06	234.40
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Currie			1	4	35	39		12		2.50				2.50
Masonboro	A. Hewlett	Wilmington R-2	John Donnelly	Wilmington R-2	1	9	104	113	75	12	19	37.75	19.97	8.01		65.73
Moore's Creek																
Mount Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha, R-2	John Murray	Watha, R-2	1	8	74	82	25	12	1	5.91	2.64	2.19	1.89	12.63
Nat Moore	R. C. Squires	Kelly, R-2	M. Almond	Kelly, R-2	1	8	61	69	32	12	11	3.20				3.20
Olivett	A. S. Lanier	Rocky Point	W. F. Sheperd	Rocky Point	1	7	32	39	22	12		1.80	1.09	2.44		5.33
Riley's Creek	J. E. Taylor	Rocky Point	Carey Lewis	Rocky Point	1	4	40	44	32	12		6.50		6.48		12.98
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	E. J. Casteen	Rocky Point	1	7	60	67	50	12	8	20.00		16.00	20.00	56.
Salem	L. D. Bryan	Sneed's Ferry	A. B. Yopp	Sneed's Ferry	1	8	98	106	45	12	11	42.67				42.67
Seagate	L. N. Rouse	Seagate	MissVera Milton	Seagate	1	9	130	139	32	12	10	31.58	36.30	27.69	5.40	100.97
Shiloh	J. J. Boney	Ivanhoe	Miss Inez Wells	Ivanhoe	1	32	137	169	75	12	10	34.95	1.04			35.99
Teacheys	T. R. McMillan	Teacheys			1	8	80	88		12		18.80	5.00			23.80
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	A. Dempsey	Wallace	2	21	149	170		12		77.76	91.41	27.15	52.10	248.42
Watha	C. F. Matthews	Watha	Otis L. Matthews	Watha	1	8	99	107	25	12		9.59		5.80	3.00	18.39
Wells' Chapel	W. J. Brooks	Wallace	J. R. Moore	Willard	2	14	150	164	125	12	10	17.15	14.31	3.78		35.24
Willard	W. F. Bowen	Willard	Willie Murray	Willard	1	8	110	118	25	12	7	3.00	4.00	4.00		11.00
Wilmington—First	D. H. Howes, Jr.	Wilmington	Edgar Child	Wilmington	2	50	733	783		12		635.92	53.38	119.82		809.12
Wilmington—Southside	Y. C. Rich	Wilmington	A. B. Huffman	Wilmington	2	20	455	475	275	12	49	90.40	54.30	40.21	34.70	219.61
Wilmington—Calvary	J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	1	24	250	274	125	12	41	62.45	28.81	118.19	82.17	292.62
Winter Park	Dr. D. P. High	Wilmington	C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	1	11	91	102	55	12	6	31.02	17.00	54.20	27.23	129.45
Wrightsboro	C. R. Rogers	Wilmington	Mrs. Moses Horne	Wilmington	1	8	107	115	43	12	5	31.19	10.70	8.30	8.07	58.26
Total					37	367	3886	4253	1423		211	$1384.27	$402.62	$555.36	$313.62	$2656.87

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCH	NAME OF ORGANIZATION	PRESIDENT	POSTOFFICE	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Atkinson	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson	20		$4.40	$5.50	$3.45	$1.00	$14.35
Burgaw	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. T. Bland	Burgaw	28	11.78	26.67	26.62	1.25	3.05	69.37
Canetuck	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. M. Moore	Currie	23	5.00	6.00	8.00	2.00	7.25	27.25
Bethlehem	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. B. F. Keith	Currie		1.00	3.00	2.65	2.10		8.75
Calvary	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington			13.20	22.15			35.70
Emma's Chapel	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	15	3.70	4.50	6.25	3.00	.50	35.50
Jacksonville	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	24	6.00	12.00	8.32	3.65	2.50	32.47
First Church	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. E. Williams	Wilmington	83	139.47	139.47	278.94	100.00	12.50	670.38
Watha	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. C. F. Mathews	Watha	17	3.00	3.00	5.30	4.00		15.30
Seagate	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. H. O. Thomas	Seagate	20	5.00	5.00	8.00	5.00		23.80
Winter Park	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. O. Page	Winter Park	27	11.00	15 45	20.40	17.30	1.00	65.15
Southside	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. M. McLaughlin	Wilmington	31	7.36	11.45	13.51	15.00	2.73	50.05
Willard	Woman's Missionary Society	Miss M. L. Powers	Willard	10	2.00	3.00	7.00	2.00		14.00
Wallace	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. S. Wells	Wallace	34		6.50	15.88	6.00		28.38
Wrightsboro	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. F. J. Dempsey	Wrightsboro	20		1.50	5.00	3.00		9.50
Salem	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. W. H. Grant	Snead's Ferry	40		1.50	.77		2.50	4.77
Wells Chapel	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. R. F. Highsmith	Willard	25				3.00		3.00
Riverside	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw	17	2.75	8.00	3.61			14.36
Mount Holly	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. McMillan	Watha	12	3.38	1.65	1.65			6.68
South Wilmington	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. J. M. Russ	South Wilmington			1.00	1.45			2.45
Masonboro	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. M. H. Beasley	Masonboro	25	3.00	5.23	6.14	3.10	1.00	15.37
Delgado	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. Mary Scott	Wilmington	20		1.65	2.00		1.00	4.65
Teachey	Woman's Missionary Society	Mrs. M. E. Baker	Teachey		4.50	5.80	6.06	3.40	.50	20.26
First Church	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. A. Parham	Wilmington	35	.52		.18	1.50		1.50
Calvary Church	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	70	3.50	5.00	5.00			13.50
Southside	Sunbeam	Mrs. W. G. Hall	Wilmington	50		1.00	1.04	1.66		3.70
Atkinson	Sunbeam	Miss Ruth Jones	Atkinson	15			1.00	.50		1.50
Watha	Sunbeam	Mrs. M. A. Mathews	Watha	30	.75	.75	1.70	.64		3.84
Burgaw	Sunbeam	Mrs. W. C. Myers	Burgaw		2.75	1.50	5.10		.25	9.50
Masonboro	Sunbeam	Mrs. Addison Hewlett	Masonboro	39		2.35				2.35
Canetuck	Sunbeam	Miss F. Hilbern	Currie	27	2.05	.74	1.42			4.21
Delgado	Sunbeam	Mrs. C. B. Newcomb	Wilmington	20	2.00	2.00	4.00			8.00
Wells Chapel	Sunbeam	Mrs. Henry Newkirk	Willard	24						
Winter Park	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. S. Brown	Winter Park	29	1.00	1.50		1.00	2.00	4.50
Jacksonville	Sunbeam	Miss Annie Hinton	Jacksonville	28	1.90	2.00	1.50	2.33	.50	8.23
Riverside	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. W. Bowden	Burgaw		4.00		2.32			6.32
Seagate	Sunbeam	Mrs. Larkins	Seagate	25		1.30	2.24	.50		4.04
Wallace	Sunbeam	Mrs. C. V. Brooks	Wallace	35		3.00	2.36			5.36
Willard	Sunbeam	Miss Collie Wells	Willard	15	.50	.50	.50			1.50
Centerville	Sunbeam	Mrs. J. W. Neil	Centerville							
Atkinson	Girls' Auxiliaries	Miss Winnie Smith	Atkinson	8						
Burgaw	Girls' Auxiliaries	Miss Sallie Harrell	Burgaw	12	3.95	3.00			1.20	8.15
Willard	Girls' Auxiliaries	Miss Collie Wells	Willard	10	.25	.75	.25			1.25
Seagate	Girls' Auxiliaries	Miss Vera Milton	Seagate	14		1.35		1.37		2.72
First Church	Girls' Auxiliaries	Miss Florence Whitney	Wilmington		4.20	5.00	16.63	1.50		22.33
	Young Women's Aid	Miss Gaynell Nixon	Wilmington		8.80	6.00				14.80
Total				977	$245.11	$317.71	$500.44	$188.25	$38.98	1,298.79

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date.	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Annual Sermon.
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington, Calvary	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.
1916	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	W. G. Hall.

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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE

RIVERSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 23 and 24, 1917,

INCLUDING THE

MINUTES OF

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

JACKSONVILLE, N. C., SEPTEMBER 20 and 21, 1917.

The next session of the Wilmington Baptist Association will be held with the Wrightsboro Baptist Church, four miles from Wilmington, Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1918. Rev. J. L. Shinn will preach the introductory sermon.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

G. E. LEFTWICH, Moderator.....Wilmington, N. C.
L. W. MOORE, Vice-Moderator.....Wilmington, N. C.
F. P. POWERS, Treasurer.....Wallace, N. C.
J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk.....Wilmington, N. C.
W. B. RIVENBARK, Statistical Clerk.....Teachey, N. C.

COMMITTEES

Executive Committee.

D. L. Gore,	R. P. Hinton,	F. P. Powers,
J. T. Bland,	G. E. Leftwich,	J. A. Sullivan.

Program Committee.

C. V. Brooks,	J. L. Shinn,	J. A. Sullivan.

Standing Committees.

Orphanage	W. B. Rivenbark.
Ministers Relief	E. L. Weston.
Temperance	A. D. Carter.
Sunday Schools	J. R. Green.
Christian Education	C. V. Brooks.
B. Y. P. U.	A. L. Goodrich.
State Missions	J. J. Hurt.
Home Missions	J. L. Shinn.
Foreign Missions	J. A. Sullivan.
Biblical Recorder	D. L. Gore.
Woman's Work	J. H. Booth.
Obituary	J. D. Hocutt.

Ministerial Register.

Baker, T. J.	Turkey, N. C.
Beck, J. H.	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Boney, L. B.	Wilmington, N. C.
Booth, J. H.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Brooks, C. V.	Wallace, N. C.
Carter, A. D.	Garland, N. C.
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson, N. C.
Goodrich, A. L.	Wilmington, N. C.
Green, J. R.	Jacksonville, N. C.
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hilburn, R. M.	Bladenboro, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D.	Ashton, N. C.
Hurt, J. J.	Wilmington, N. C.
Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey, N. C.
Shinn, J. L.	Wilmington, N. C.
Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington, N. C.
Weston, E. L.	Burgaw, N. C.
Wilson, S. B.	Delway, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and through inadvertence the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend their printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

Wilmington Baptist Association

TO BE HELD WITH

The Wrightsboro Baptist Church

Beginning October 22, 1918

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(Adopted at Last Session.)

Tuesday.

10:00 a m.—Organization.
Roll Call.
Digest of letters by W. B. Rivenbark.
Election of Officers.
Report of Delegates to Convention.
Announcement of Committees.

11:30 a. m.—Missions.
State, Home, Foreign.

2:00 p. m.—Social Service.
Orphanage.
Ministerial Relief.
Biblical Recorder.
Temperance.
Report of Committees.
Miscellaneous.

8:00 p. m.—Annual Sermon.

Wednesday.

10:00 a. m.—Education.
Sunday Schools.
B. Y. P. U.
Ministerial Education.
Christian Education.
Colleges & Schools.

2:00 p. m.—Mens Union.
W. M. U.
Miscellaneous.

Committee:
C. V. Brooks.
J. L. Shinn.
J. A. Sullivan.

MINUTES

OF THE

Seventeenth Annual Session

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

October 23 and 24, 1917.

Riverside Baptist Church,
October 23, 1917.

The Wilmington Baptist Association convened with the Riverside Baptist Church, Tuesday October 23, at 10 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by G. E. Leftwich. The roll call showed that fourteen churches were represented at the opening of the first session.

The complete roll of representation during the entire session is as follows:

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Atkinson—W. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Lewis, Mrs. Alice Cobb.
Barlow Chapel—By letter.
Bear Branch—F. B. Moore.
Bethlehem—S. E. Pridgen, A. L. Pridgen, R. E. Corbett, B. F. Keith, Z. V. Corbett.
Burgaw—J. T. Bland Sr., B. C. Boney, H. I. Bowen.
Canetuck—R. D. Pridgen.
Caswell—O. B. Malpass, W. D. Malpass.
Centerville—A. L. Goodrich, Mrs. A. L. Goodrich.
Emma's Chapel—By letter.
Harmony—By letter.
Haw Bluff—J. B. Rooks, Mrs. J. B. Rooks.
Ivanhoe—By letter.
Jacksonville—R. B. Hinton, A. G. Walton.
Long Creeek—H. H. Walker, L. S. Croom, C. H. Merritt
Masonboro—By letter.
Moore's Creek—Clyde Moore, N. R. Croom, Mack L. Nunalee.
Mount Holly—A. Carroll, T. I. Bowen.
Nat Moore—H. H. Williams, S. D. Carroll.

Olivett—J. N. Webb, Walter Shepherd, E. D. Walker, R. G. Shepherd.
Riley's Creek—J. D. Mahn, I. B. Scott, W. T. Harrelson, D. J. Lewis.
Riverside—J. D. Hocutt, J. T. Batson, J. M. Bowden, Alex Aman.
Salem—By letter.
Seagate—Miss Eva Rogers, Miss Martha Rogers, Thomas A. Tartt.
Shiloh—By letter.
Teacheys—A. E. Page, B. P. Teachey.
Wallace—C. V. Brooks, A. Dempsey, F. P. Powers, R. W. Floyd.
Watha—B. S. Brinkley.
Wells Chapel—A. A. Moore, G. W. Ramsey.
Willard—R. W. Savage, S. R. Worrell.
Wilmington, First—John J. Hurt, W. C. Peterson, Geo. W. Trask, L. W. Moore.
Wilmington, Southside—W. G. Hall, Y. C. Rich, J. J. Batson, A. F. Walton.
Wilmington, Calvary—J. A. Sullivan, D. L. Gore.
Winter Park—J. L. Shinn, W. O. Page, Mrs. W. O. Page, A. H. High.
Wrightsboro—G. E. Leftwich, Mrs. Moses Horn, E. S. Hancock, Mrs. J. W. Lennon, Mrs. Charley Rogers.
Maple Hill—J. R. Marshburn, K. F. Powers, D. H. Marshburn.
Cape Fear—J. M. Hill.

The organization was effected by electing the following officers: Moderator, G. E. Leftwich; Vice-Moderator, L. W. Moore; Clerk, J. A. Sullivan; Statistical Clerk, W. B. Rivenbark; Treasurer, F. P. Powers.

J. D. Hocutt extended a welcome on behalf of the church, and was responded to by the Moderator.

The introductory sermon was preached by John Jeter Hurt, text Phil. 2:12,13. Theme, "God and man co-operating to carve out character."

C. V. Brooks presented the report on The Orphanage:

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

In its physical equipment, as well as in the character of its constituency, the Thomasville Orphanage holds a foremost place among the Orphan Homes of the South. *For thirty-two years the Home has been growing* and is constantly being enlarged and still the task looms before us as just begun.

The unprecedented prices for the necessities of life have made a rocky road for all public institutions, but the Baptist people have been responsive and generous. *The past year has been the best in our history, financially.* But the fact that it put us out of debt must not lull us to sleep. *The high cost of living is putting us in debt again.* From month to month we are running behind with our current expenses. Contributions must increase with our needs. Within a few months there will be added to the

Kennedy Home another cottage for twenty-five more children. The distress of our times adds its demands upon the Orphanage.

The most rigid economy is being practiced at the Orphanage. Those in charge of it were among the first to learn the lessons of the war. *Conservation is the cry.* Fruits and vegetables are being canned in large quantities against the winter season.

Since the reception of the first child, Nov. 11th, 1885, 1794 *have been enrolled, and the present number is* 505 (with the prospect of about 530 by the end of the year). *The average yearly cost per child is* $127.75 *or* 35 *cents the day,* aggregating a total annual cost of $66,046.75. The health record of the children for the past year has been remarkable, there being no deaths and few cases of serious illness.

The graduating class in June numbered twenty-four, being surpassed by only one class in the history of the Orphanage—that of 1916, which numbered twenty-nine. These young men and women turned reluctant steps away from the home of their childhood and are getting ready for the struggle ahead. Some few have entered college but the large majority of them are on the firing line of life's battle for bread.

Mystery veils the future. The struggle to crush Prussianism is the thing that is uppermost in the national thought. Thousands of our boys are preparing to meet the foe on the soil of France. The danger is that in our deep anxiety for the welfare of the nation, and especially for the lives of those so dear to us, we may overlook our obligations to the institutions fostered by the denomination. This we must not do. Here is the Orphanage caring for more than 500 of our children. *While the nation is training the soldiers at the various camps for the service of our country, the Orphanage is likewise preparing the young lives under its care for the larger service of winning bloodless battles under the banner of the King of Kings.* Our loyalty and liberality to the Orphanage must not be lessened but increased.

We urge larger regular giving by the Sunday-schools *in once a month collections.* And we confidently look for a larger increase in the *"One day for the Orphanage"* thank offering this fall. But for this special effort we would be hopelessly in debt at this time. Without a wide circulation of CHARITY AND CHILDREN these results would be impossible, hence we urge an individual copy to as many of our people as possible and a club in every Sunday-school.

C. V. BROOKS.

The report was discussed by C. V. Brooks and adoption deferred until a later time.

D. L. Gore presented the report on Ministerial Relief:

REPORT ON MINISTERS' RELIEF.

This reminds me, about thirty years ago that Dr. Pritchard, the pastor, and several other members of the First Church of this city met and organized the work and I was elected President. I think now that our constitution and by-laws were well adapted for those times, but now I think we

ought to do more for our aged and disabled preachers than we did then. Perhaps it would be a good idea for someone to write the Biblical Recorder, asking the convention to appoint a committee to take up the work of drafting a new constitution and by-laws and report to the next convention. I think preachers should be paid salaries enough to be able to save at least 15 or 20 per cent of it and put some in life insurance and some in building and loan. I think most, if not all preachers, could save from the salaries they now get, at least some years, but some of them could not. I think one-third of the money paid to the relief board ought as now be invested and only use the interest for current funds paid the preachers yearly. I don't think we should have a large surplus fund, but we should have much more than we have now. We want to keep the subject before each church yearly, so that no church could lose interest in the work. We don't want any preacher to feel that he fears he will suffer in his old age, nor do we want such a large fund that a man would think he was called to preach—from thinking he would be sure to fare sumptuously in his old age. If all churches were run in a good, common sense, business like way, all the objects of the church, including Minister's Relief, would be liberally subscribed to. A Methodist Bishop once said "Better marry a woman with no religion and good common sense, than one with religion and no common sense, for if the common sense woman married a poor preacher, she would soon find she had to have religion", so in case of our applicants to be preachers, the church should grant no license where they thought the applicant did not have common sense and industry well developed. I think some pastors are much to blame for not getting larger salaries; some will not visit enough and some too much; some go bird, duck, turkey and squirrel shooting too much. "Our Acts, our Angels, are good or ill: Our faithful shadows that walk by us still." And our habits are easily formed and when formed are hard to shake.

Don't understand me to say that occupants of the pew have not some responsibility for the preacher not being paid a liberal salary, of course they have, but as a rule I think if the pastor has tact, common sense and industry, he can get his people to pay him a good salary. If not at first, they will after awhile. Of course the preacher and church members all should have religion.

I hear Dr. Smith is to follow me on this subject, so I will leave further discussion to him.

Respectfully yours,

D. L. GORE.

It was voted to amend the report by recommending to the Churches that they aim to contribute to this fund an amount equal to 5 per cent of the pastor's salary.

After discussion by D. L. Gore and E. L. Weston, adoption of the report was deferred.

C. J. Thompson, representing the Biblical Recorder was recognized, who addressed the Association on the

Recorder. There were other remarks on the Recorder by D. L. Gore.

W. B. Rivenbark presented the report on Sunday Schools:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

One of the great fundamental truths of the Bible is that God's Word must be taught. In New Testament times Jesus and the Apostles made teaching a great factor in the spread of the Gospel. Every time God's people have magnified teaching His cause has prospered, and whenever they have neglected it His cause has languished.

The Sunday School is the channel through which the world is looking for the evangelization of the world. It is the leavening department of the church. The purpose of the Sunday School is to bring about that knowledge and training necessary for an efficient church constituency.

We find the strength of the church in the Sunday School. Those members who give and do, have either been trained or been under the influence of this department of the church. Thus we believe the salvation of our mission work rests with the Sunday School workers.

Last year we enrolled 1275 less in our Sunday Schools than church members in the churches of our Association, and a very large per cent of our Sunday School enrollment were members of other churches or no church at all.

We recommend:

1. Definite campaigns for reaching more of our people for our Schools.
2. That our teachers and officers enlist in the great work of Teacher Training.
3. Finally, a vitalizing of all our Schools to make them more effective in evangelism and definite in training every one for personal service.

W. B. RIVENBARK.
Committee.

The report was discussed by W. B. Rivenbark, L. W. Moore, D. L. Gore and F. P. Powers, and then adopted.

The Chair announced the Finance Committee: H. I. Bowen, A. E. Page, W. T. Harrison.

J. L. Shinn, a new pastor, was received into the Association.

The Association recessed after prayer by J. L. Shinn.

Afternoon Session.

The Association convened at 2 o'clock.

A devotional service was conducted by D. H. Wilcox.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Place and Preacher: A. L. Goodrich, A. H. High, N. R. Croom.

To Nominate the Executive Committee: L. W. Moore, Y. C. Rich, A. L. Pridgen.

On Petitionary Letters: W. B. Rivenbark, J. T. Bland, W. G. Hall.

Place of Next Union Meeting: O. B. Malpass, J. R. Marshburn, L. L. Mason.

Program for 1918: C. V. Brooks, J. A. Sullivan, J. L. Shinn.

C. V. Brooks made a motion that the Program Committee be asked to arrange for a one-half hour discussion of the State of the Churches on to-morrow morning. The motion was adopted.

It was decided to consider Woman's Work at this time, but the report not being ready, the subject was passed over.

On motion the Association decided to consider this afternoon the three subjects—State, Home and Foreign Missions.

J. L. Shinn presented the report on State Missions:

STATE MISSIONS.

Missions is the act of sending, or state of being sent; duty on which one is sent.

Our Lord is the author of missions.

Matt. 28-18-20—"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Our Lord divided the world into mission sections:

Acts., 1-8—"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." State Misssions is the "in all Judea", and is that part of the mission work of North Carolina Baptists in which they work for the salvation of North Carolinians. State Missions is the base on which all our missionary efforts are built. Strengthen the base and all the other parts of the work will be made stronger. Mission work in North Carolina is divided into three divisions, namely:

1. Eastern or Tidewater—The work here is foundation work. The organizing, fostering and training of the churches.

2. Middle, or Piedmont—The work here is the gathering together the scattered forces, especially those in the industrial centres, and enlisting them in the work of the church.

3. Western, or Mountain—The work here is the enlistment of the thousands of Baptists who live in this section, in the many phases of the kingdom building.

Recommendations:

1.—That each church of the Wilmington Association have a "State Mission Rally Day" during the incoming year.

2.—That the churches be requested to give $1,500.00 to the State Mission work, the incoming year.

3.—That a committee of three be appointed to apportion the $1,500.00 between the churches; not as an assessment, but as a suggestion only.

Respectfully,

J. L. SHINN.

The report was discussed by J. L. Shinn, J. D. Moore and adopted.

W. G. Hall presented the report on Home Missions:

HOME MISSION REPORT.

We have as our task for Home Missions in North Carolina this year $37,500 with a membership of more than 277,000 white Baptists. This amount is too small for our possibilities. We have in our association a membership of 5,292, and last year we gave $618.30 for Home Missions. This amount is to our shame when we count our real worth in wordly goods, as our share in extending the kingdom of God in our Home Land. From 1900 to 1917 baptisms, through the work of the Home Board have increased 646 per cent over the same period prior to 1900. The Home Board is a great unifying, constructive, inter-state agency for our southern Baptists, which should call upon every one of us to do his part. In Cuba within the last forty years the Home Board has established sixty one churches and out station, and ten schools. There are forty-four Sunday Schools with 2,500 church members. Your Committee would recommend that our churches give more liberally to Home Missions, and that we give at least $1,000.00 this coming year. That we urge our pastors to use the free tracts furnished by our Board in distributing them among our people. That we urge every pastor to make an every member canvass in every church, and establish the duplex envelope system, and see that every Baptist gives something to missions, and by doing this will aid in the great work being done by our Home Board on the Frontier, Mountain schools, in building houses for homeless churches, in bringing thousands to Christ through its evangelistic department.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL.

The report was discussed by W. G. Hall and adopted.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters reported, recommending that the Association receive the Cape Fear Church near Acme as a member of the Association. The Church was received, and the Moderator extended the hand of welcome to the Church's representative.

J. J. Hurt presented the report on Foreign Mission:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Why should individuals and churches give to Foreign Missions when there is so much need right at our own doors? Why should not we give all our help to those who are next to us? The answer to these two questions will be suggested by another, namely: What has the Foreign Mission work done for us?

1. First of all, it has generated and quickened our interest in the great work of Christian education. Luther Rice, the foreign Missionary, left his work in India and came back to this country for the specific work of arousing our people to a just sense of the importance of Christian Education. He had observed that missionaries without school training were not strong enough for the task of up-rooting and destroying heathendom. As he went up and down this Southland of ours he caused our people to see as they had not seen before that there must be not only converted hearts but also enlightened and strengthened minds for the most effective service. Even to this day there are no better friends to Christian education than our missionaries on the foreign field, as may be attested by the frequent and generous gifts they send back home for the endowment and equipment of our Baptist Colleges.

2. Our Foreign Mission work has helped to deliver us from sordid selfishness. The church that does not aim to do more than take care of of itself sets for itself a very small task, one that is scarcely worth while, and we are all coming to see this fact. Too much looking within may be bad, but ingrowing things are always a torture to life and also a torment to others. Foreign Mission work is like the far-reaching fence calling to the growing vine; and the tendrils of the vine strengthen its hold more and more the further the vine reaches. The foreign work ties us sympathetically and helpfully to human need around the whole wide world. It is not enough for us to keep the ordinances. We must also keep the commands of the Savior. The church member that has eyes for the pool and communion table only does not see these in their full significance, and cannot be called a full-orbed Baptist.

3. The Foreign Mission task has brought us in line with the full teaching of the New Testament. This is not a book to be read in spots. We must take it all; and the Master says, "into all the world." As never before in their history the Southern Baptists are taking this phrase seriously. They are not only trying to send missionaries into all lands, but are trying

also to strengthen the bases of operation wherever established. For this reason we have been engaged in raising a fund of a Million and a Quarter Dollars to build chapels, schools and hospitals. North Carolina came handsomely with her part.

We recommend: 1. That every member of our churches either arrange to "go" to the foreign field, or help others to go.

2. That our "help" be as large as the bounty of the Lord upon us will permit.

3. That we preach Foreign Missions in our churches, talk Foreign Missions in our homes, and pray for Foreign Missions everywhere and all the while.

JOHN JETER HURT,
Committee.

The report was discussed by J. J. Hurt and C. J. Thompson and adopted.

The Committee on Hospitality announced assignment of delegates.

The Association adjourned with prayer by C. V. Brooks.

Wednesday Morning.

The Association convened at 10 o'clock.

A devotional service was conducted by I. L. Bennett.

Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Because of the failure of the Statistical Clerk to secure the letters in time his report for this session was dispensed with.

On motion the Association decided to request the Church Clerks to co-operate with the Associational Clerks in getting the letters in time for the display chart.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session presented the following report which was adopted:

COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

Your committee on place and preacher for the next session beg to recom-

mend Wrightsboro church as the place and Rev. J. L. Shinn to preach the introductory sermon, with J. A. Sullivan, as alternate.

A. L. GOODRICH,
A. H. HIGH,
N. R. CROOM,
Committee.

The Association recognized the following visitors: R. T. Vann of the Board of Education, Archibald Johnson of the Orphanage, I. L. Bennett, Principal of Dell School, C. C. Smith of Durham, representing the Minister's Relief Fund, and G. F. Brinson of Smithfield.

The Association decided to consider further the Orphanage report. There were discussions by J. J. Hurt, Archibald Johnson, D. L. Gore, C. V. Brooks, C. J. Thompson and W. G. Hall.

The report was amended, and at the writer's request was referred back to him for re-arrangement.

The Moderator recognized as visitor, Rev. Mr. Clark, the Presbyterian pastor of Burgaw.

A. L. Goodrich presented the report on the Biblical Recorder.

(Report was delayed in getting to the printer until forms were made up. See page 26.)

The report was discussed by A. L. Goodrich and C. J. Thompson. The report was adopted.

The report on Minister's Relief was taken up. C. C. Smith of Durham addressed the Association on this subject. The report after amendment was adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer by G. F. Brinson.

Afternoon Session.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by J. L. Shinn.

L. W. Moore presented the report of the Committee appointed to nominate the Executive Committee:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee appointed to recommend executive committemen for the ensuing year desire to present the names of the following brethren: D. L. Gore, R. P. Hinton, F. P. Powers, J. T. Bland, G. E. Leftwich and J. A. Sullivan.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. W. MORE,
A. L. PRIDGEN,
Y. C. RICH,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

The Finance Committee offered its report:

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee beg to report as follows:
Received and paid over to the Treasurer:

For Minutes	$47.21
For Associational Mission	2.37
For Ministers Relief	1.00
For Orphanage	8.50
For State Missions	2.00
For Home Missions	6.00
For Foreign Missions	6.00
For Christian Education	1.00
Undesignated	21.62
Total	$95.20

H. I. BOWEN,
A. E. PAGE,
W. T. HARRISON,
Committee.

The Association voted to appropriate $21.62, undesignated, sent up by the churches, to the cause of Christian Education.

J. D. Moore presented the report on B. Y. P. U.:

REPORT OF B. Y. P. U.

The training of young Christians as they come into our churches is an obligation which cannot be escaped, in the discharge of which the churches provide their surest success for the future. The B. Y. P. U. plan for training is practical, definite and effective Young christians must learn to do things in the Kingdom of God by being led to start in the practice of them.

We urge the older members of the churches to encourage the young people in their efforts to train themselves for the highest efficiency in the churches; and, if necessary, to join with them in the organization, observing always the group plan whereby the development of the individual will be assured.

The appeal is made to churches in which there are no B. Y. P. U. to take steps for the organization of one at the earliest possible moment. Free literature can be had upon request of J. D. Moore, General Secretary, Raleigh, N. C. Also it is suggested that representatives of Unions already in existence can be secured to assist in the organization of new Unions wherever practicable. Special mention in this connection should be made of Brethren J. W. Hollis and Coy Hewett of Wilmington.

The Bible Readers Course of the B. Y. P. U. presents a plan of devotional, daily Bible reading which is vastly important in developing the spiritual life of young christians. It is getting to be an integral part of our B. Y. P. U. plan. This is not a Bible study course and does not trespass upon the Sunday School field but provides merely for a devotional reading of the Bible. Neither can the Sunday school do the work of a B. Y. P. U., which must restrict its territory to the study of the Word.

The report was adopted.

F. P. Powers presented the Treasurer's report which was adopted:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in bank from 1915		$ 14.24
Extra Minute Fund		23.00
Amount received from Finance Committee		104.42
Check to F. B. Hambrick	11.50	
Check to Walters Durham	45.08	
Check to Wilmington Dispatch (for Program)	2.00	
Check to Wilmington Dispatch (for Minutes)	61.50	
Check to J. A. Sullivan (Clerk expenses)	9.63	
Amount in bank 1916	11.95	
Total	$141.66	$141.66

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. POWERS.

The Committee on the next Union Meeting reported, recommending Calvary Church as the place of the next Union Meeting, the fifth Sunday in December. The report was adopted.

The Association voted asking that the Executive

Committee apportion among the Churches the following amounts, as our aim for Missions next year. State Mission $1,500.00, Home Mission $1,000.00 and Foreign Mission $1,500.00.

Subscription and cash to the amount of $10.50 needed to complete the expense fund for minutes was taken.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for next Session. (See page 3).

J. A. Sullivan presented the report on Christian Education:

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Baptists of the United States have 15 theological seminaries, 102 colleges and universities and 118 academies, institutes and high schools, a total of 235 educational institutions, with 3824 instructors and 60,498 students. Their property is valued at $49,000,000: they have an endowment of $50,000,000 yielding an annual income of $2,744,000. These are large things of which our denomination is justly proud. But what are they among so many, for ours is a great country. No one today denies the advantage of christian education over merely secular training. Indeed, today the most advanced thinkers agree that education without religion is positively harmful. But our religious schools are hard pressed in trying to meet the advantages offered by the State supported schools. Therefore, most of the leading denominations have put christian education in the very front rank of their benevolences, and in their local church budgets.

Baptists have not yet realized the need nor grasped the opportunity presented to them by this phase of christian work. We cannot take part in the support of all our religious institutions, but we can be of much help to those nearest and most closely related to us. The churches of the Wilmington Association are earnestly urged to establish a closer relation by prayer and patronage between themselves and our Dell High School, Wake Forest College, Meredith College, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. It is also urged that the churches put the cause of christian education on their financial budgets, and that they aim to give two fifths as much to this object as they give to State Missions. Also that all money for christian education be sent to the State Convention Treasurer, with the request that one-half of our contribution for the year be appropiated to Dell School.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. SULLIVAN.

The report was discussed by R. T. Vann, S. B. Wilson and I. L. Bennett. The report was adopted.

S. B. Wilson presented the report on Woman's Work:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union now has organized work in fifty-three (53) Associations in North Carolina. The Lord's work has been greatly aided by the untiring efforts of our consecrated women. Forty-eight Associations have superintendents to aid in the organizations of new Societies and to promote the work. They aid in all phases of the missionary work.

The good women of the Wilmington Association have given to Missions, Education and the poor. They have circulated the Home and Foreign Field, until it has a large subscription list with our people. They also have a circulating library written on the lives of our Missionaries, the fields they occupy, and the cause they represent. Mission study classes do well to consult this library. They can do this by consulting Miss Florence Whitney, superintendent for the Wilmington Association, Post Office, Wilmington, N. C. Twenty-three churches of this Association have Missionary Societies, Eleven have none, Seventeen have Sunbeam bands, Five have Girl's Auxiliaries and one a Young Womans Aid Society.

In obedience to the command of our Lord it is therefore recommended, that all the churches of this Association invite Miss Florence Whitney to visit them and organize them into the society best suited to their needs, that the churches which now have societies form mission study classes, and that the pastor preach at least one missionary sermon during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. WILSON.

The report was discussed by S. B. Wilson, C. V. Brooks, and adopted.

W. B. Rivenbark offered the following resolution:

Whereas, the Eastern Association having a paid worker among the women for one half time who is doing a great work,

Resolved, that we request our Executive Committee to endeavor to devise plans to co-operate with the Eastern Association in engaging for her full time a vice president of our associationalWoman's Missionary Union, said arrangement to begin with the next Union's associational year.

After discussion by C. V. Brooks, J. A. Sullivan, W. B. Rivenbark, and A. L. Goodrich, it was adopted.

J. L. Shinn offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, that we express our hearty appreciation for the splendid way in which the church and friends at River Side have entertained the Association.

I. L. Bennett asked permission to publish in the minutes a report of the Dell School Loan Fund, which was granted.

F. P. Powers presented the report on Men's Union:

REPORT ON MEN'S UNION.

Conservation and enlistment are old words with a new meaning today. They are seen in almost every paper one picks up now, and our people are answering their call to a wonderful degree along secular lines; but the purpose of this report is to call upon the Baptists of this Association to respond religiously.

We need something in our churches to enlist the men especially, and to conserve their energy and efforts in the furtherance of Christ's cause. We have enough men in our churches, if interested, to do anything that needs to be done if we had some way to get them to feel that it is their place to do it, and I believe it would be done gladly and joyously.

Our men are not all laggards, most of them are workers when they see something that needs to be done, and accordingly we should have something of an organization in each of our churches to find the men and then find something for them to do, which is an easy task in both instances.

We have such an organization already at work in a good many of our churches in our State and the Southern Baptist Convention, Namely; The Men's Union. At first glance we may think this a Missionary Union akin to the "Woman's Missionary Union," but it is more, for it takes up every department of the church work and provides men, competent men, for every branch of its career. I heartily recommend that a Men's Union be formed or organized in each church of our Association. Plans of organization and scope of work can be found in a book "Church Organization and Methods," published by the Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,
F. P. POWERS.

C. V. Brooks offered the report on the Order of Business for the next Session, which was adopted. (See page 8).

C. V. Brooks was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. J. Hurt, R. P. Hinton and D. L. Gore were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

J. L. Shinn presented the Report on Temperance:

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

Many appear to believe that God will usher in his kingdom without our aid. That all we have to do is to profess Christ as our Saviour and

then sit down and do nothing. If the history of the children of Israel bears any analogy to the church, then the church has a work to do. Canaan was a gift of God to his chosen people, but remember not a foot of the land did they occupy, except that secured by hard fighting, the entire tribes co-operating. Into our American life has crept the liquor traffic, stealing from our homes their happiness, demoralizing legitimate business, corrupting politics, deadening the spiritual life of our churches, and sending more than 600,000 of our people to premature graves, each year.

To meet and overcome this gigantic and avowed enemy of all that is good and uplifting, the united and untiring efforts of all God's people are required. No one denomination or society can meet and overcome this enemy alone. God calls for his people to do constructive and destructive work. His kingdom must be brought in, and every hindrance to the consummation of this must be destroyed. The liquor traffic is one of, if not the greatest, weapons used against the bringing in of the kingdom. The battle is on. Let us heed the call to arms. Let us buckle on the armor and march forth to battle against this common foe. Let us fight that our homes, our schools, our State, our Nation and our churches may be saved from the slimy grip of this monster.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. SHINN.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator presented the Report of the Executive Committee:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Another year has passed, with all its possibilities, with all responsibilities and how little has been our part? Tremendous events have taken place. The awful war of last year is still raging with increased fury and our own country, our beloved Southland, has suddenly been thrown into the struggle and at this moment the young manhood from our fire-side are marching to the front. "Red Cross," National" Aid" and other sections are being formed, "Liberty Bonds" and numerous devices are being made to finance the war. Conservation of food, the high cost of living, the tremendous advance in manufacturing and farming products has thrown our people into a spirit of frienzied secular activity. From the pulpit and the pew around the church yard and on the street there is nothing but war and rumors of war, until one is led to ask has "God" been forgotten? The general progress of our association has not been up to the usual standard. Indifference is our greatest trouble. Our State Board is helping Long Creek, Jacksonville, Salem, Scotts Hill, Seagate, Masonboro and Winter Park. These are all doing well and will send up a good report. Your chairman has made frequent visits to all of our church communities and by council and encouragement sought to push forward the work. An associational missionary at present is our greatest need. If you want progress it should be done at once.

We note with keen regret the going from our midst of Rev. W. G. Hall, for more than six years the beloved pastor of Southside church. His work with that church has been remarkable, his service in the association invaluable, and we earnestly hope the Lord may locate him on some field where he may do a yet greater work.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Chairman.

F. P. Powers was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

The Association adjourned with prayer to meet Tuesday after the third Sunday in October 1918, with the Wrightsboro Church near Wilmington.

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Moderator.

J. A. SULLIVAN.
Clerk.

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

Billy Sunday says that the devil gets folks any way that he can, and therefore he feels perfectly justified in going after them for the Lord in a like manner. All the new fads and fashions, including Russellism, Universalism, Unitarianism and Nothingism, pay very great attention to getting their literature into the homes of possible converts. As Baptists with the purest gospel, we ought to foster our Baptist paper with zeal equal to that of the above named sects.

The *Progressive Farmer* carries as its trademark the words, "You can tell by the farm whether they read it or not." Likewise you can tell by a church whether or not its members read the *Recorder*.

A church cannot read the *Recorder* and stay dead, nor can a church stay alive and not read the *Recorder*.

In North Carolina, there are about 295,000 Baptists making about 147,000 Baptist families. The circulation of the *Recorder* is about 13,000. Hence the *Recorder* only averages going into the home of one out of every 23 families in North Carolina.

In the Wilmington Association there are about 250 subscribers to the *Recorder*, which averages only one *Recorder* subscriber for every 13 families.

In the Wilmington Association according to last years minutes there are 16 ordained ministers. Of this number, according to the books of the *Recorder*, *right now*, only 11 of these subscribe for the *Recorder*.

Of 35 clerks of churches in this association only 8 subscribe for the *Recorder*.

And because of these facts, we recommend:

First: That the Wilmington Baptist Association, in keeping with like action of other Associations in the State, hereby agrees to come to the hearty support of the *Biblical Recorder* in this critical time, and that we, both pastors and laymen, promise to take upon our hearts and in hand the work of putting the *Recorder* in the homes of our people.

Second: That we commend and urge the adoption of the plan recommended for the whole State, viz—that the pastor and deacons of every church in the Association secure at the earliest possible date a permanent *Recorder* committee, and the very best solicitor available, who will go to work to put and keep the *Recorder* in every family possible in their church.

Third: That for the sake of the work at large we earnestly solicit the hearty co-operation of the W. M. Societies, the Y. W. A.'s the B. Y. P. U.'s and the S. S.'s is this every church movement for the increased circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*.

A. L. GOODRICH,
Committee.

The Sunday School Convention

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

Will hold its next annual convention with the Willard Baptist church, June 29, 1918.

OFFICERS.

President—Durham Powers, Willard, N. C.
Vice-President—G. E. Leftwich, Wilmington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss. Ruby Porter, Kelly, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G. E. Leftwich, chairman, A. L. Goodrich, L. W. Moore, C. Y. Devaun, J. J. Boney.

Every Baptist Sunday School is expected to be represented, and to this end we urge Pastors, Superintendents, Teachers and all interested in Sunday School work to co-operate and make our next meeting a great stimulant to our associational work.

REPORT OF DELL SCHOOL LOAN FUND.

1916		
October, 1st, —Amount in Clinton Bank		$296.01
	Received from Churches in the Eastern	103.50
		$399.51
	Paid for school Bell	25.00
1917		
October, 1st,—Total amount in Bank		$374.51
	Amount of Notes for Loans to Students	$227.90

A. R. HERRING,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Minutes of The Woman's Missionary Union

HELD AT

Jacksonville, N. C., September 20 and 21, 1917.

The Seventh Annual Meeting of the Wilmington Association of the Woman,s Missionary Union met at Jacksonville, September, 20th and 21st, 1917. Thursday afternoon, evening and Friday morning.

AFTERNOON PROGRAM.

Hymn
Devotional Exercises—By Mrs. Walton, Jacksonville.
Address of Welcome—By Mrs. G. A. Hurst, Jacksonville.
Response—By Mrs. H. O. Thomas, Seagate.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT.

Societies reporting each quarter: W. M. U's. fifteen; reporting three quarters—three. Y. W. A's. reporting each quarter: Burgaw and Willard; reported three quarters—two. Sunbeams reporting each quarter—ten; reported three quarters—two. Letters written—fifty-two. Traveled eighty-three miles.

FLORENCE H. WHITNEY.

Y. W. A's. report read by Mrs. W. D. Weatherbee, Wilmington.
Personal Service Report—By Mrs. J. M. McLoughlin, Wilmington.

EVENING.

Devotional Exercises—By Rev. J. R. Green, Jacksonville.
Demonstration by Sunbeams of Jacksonville. This was splendid. They showed splendid training.
Solo—By Miss Benton, Jacksonville.
Paper prepared by Miss M. L. Powers, read by Mrs. R. L. Brown, Jacksonville.
Our W. M. U. and Its Aim For the Coming year—paper prepared by Mrs. C. V. Brooks, read by the Secretary.

MORNING PROGRAM.

Devotional Exercises—By Mrs. J. M. McLoughlin, Wilmington.
Paper prepared by Mrs. C. B. Newcomb, read by Mrs. W. B. Muse, Wilmington.

Prayer Its Power and Benefit—by Mrs. J. M. McLoughlin.

Circle Plan in Our Association, by Mrs. R. E. Williams, Wilmington.

"Why Our Women Should" Subscribe to Our Mission Magazines, by Mrs. D. H. Maultsby, Winter Park.

Following officers were nominated and elected for the year:

Superintendent—Miss. Florence Whitney.

Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. G. A. Hurst.

Secretary—Mrs. Robert F. Coleman.

Treasurer—Mrs. R. E. Williams.

Literature Committee—Mrs. W. H. Grant.

Personal Service—Mrs. J. M. McLoughlin.

Y. W. A. Leader—Miss Mary L. Powers.

Sunbeam—Mrs. S. F. Garrison.

Next meeting will be held at Winter Park, September 20th and 21st, 1918.

Our meeting was not as well attended as usual, owing to the weather conditions. We missed several of our most faithful ones. However, every report made was full of enthusiasm and showed much work is being done for our Master

We were royally entertained by the ladies of Jacksonville, and our only regret was our stay with them was too short.

Now let us all pull together, pray much and work hard, and be ready when the time comes to go to Winter Park to show larger amount of work than ever before. Don't forget to report each quarter to your Superintendent.

Mrs. ROBERT F. COLEMAN,
Secretary.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching	Value of Church Property	GAINS			LOSSES			Number of Males	Number of Females	Total Membership
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Atkinson	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	E. G. Bostic	Atkinson	1	800.00	6	3	--	4	--	--	88	112	200
Barlow's Chapel	T. J. Baker	Turkey	R. S. Atkinson	Sloop Point	1	1,000.00	13	2	2	2	--	--	64	82	146
Bear Branch	R. M. Hilburn	Bladenboro	F. B. Moore	Currie	4	200.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	26	50
Bethlehem	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1	1,000.00	--	--	--	14	--	4	66	65	131
Burgaw	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	1-3	5,000.00	--	9	--	3	--	2	42	64	106
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	4	400.00	2	1	--	2	--	1	56	71	127
Cape Fear	A. D. Carter	Garland	C. C. Formy	Acme	2	500.00	--	--	--	4	--	--	15	14	29
Caswell			O. B. Malpass	Currie	2	1,000.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	24	37	61
Centerville	A. L. Goodrich	Wilmington	W. J. Kelly	Kelly	2-4	3,000.00	11	9	2	1	--	--	43	54	97
Emma's Chapel	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	W. E. Taylor	Richland	4	6,000.00	2	--	--	3	--	--	30	45	75
Harmony	A. D. Carter	Garland	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	4	600.00	1	--	--	1	--	--	28	38	66
Haw Bluff	J. H. Beck	Ivanhoe	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	3	800.00	--	5	1	1	--	1	38	61	99
Ivanhoe	S. B. Wilson	Delway	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	2	1,000.00	2	1	--	2	--	--	24	28	52
Jacksonville	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville	1-3	6,000.00	3	3	--	10	2	4	26	58	84
Long Creek			W. H. Turner	Currie	1		--	1	--	1	1	3	36	46	82
Maple Hill			J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill		850.00	--	2	1	1	1	--	31	43	74
Masonboro	J. L. Shinn	Wilmington R 2	Elijah Walton	Wilmington R2	1-3	2,000.00	--	--	1	4	--	2	45	65	110
Moore's Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	Clyde Moore	Currie	4	500.00	--	10	--	--	--	--	38	40	78
Mount Holly	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	J. B. Johnson	Watha	1	1,000.00	--	1	--	1	--	2	27	41	68
Nat Moore	Henry Carter	Garland	Tray Squires	Kelly R2 -R34	2	1,500.00	1	2	1	7	3	--	36	40	76
Olivett			J. W. Webb	Rocky Point	1	700.00	--	1	--	1	--	--	7	10	17
Riley's Creek	W. B. Rivenbark	Teachey	D. J. Lewis	Rocky Point	4	800.00	--	3	1	1	--	--	41	53	94
Riverside	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	3	1,500.00	--	1	--	1	--	[illegible]	24	35	59
Salem	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	L. D. Bryan	Sneeds Ferry	2	200.00	13	--	2	1	9	[illegible]	22	79	101
Seagate	J. L. Shinn	Wilmington R 2	Miss Rosa Rogers	Seagate	2-4	2,500.00	2	2	--	10	23	--	32	51	83
Shiloh	A. L. Goodrich	Wilmington	G. F. DeVane	Ivanhoe	1-3	2,000.00	2	1	--	2	14	1	61	104	165
Teacheys	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	H. P. Ennis	Teachey	2-4	2,000.00	12	--	--	2	--	1	64	65	129
Wallace	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	A. J. Blanton	Wallace	2-4	7,000.00	62	11	1	6	--	1	98	104	202
Watha	C. V. Brooks	Wallace	C. F. Mathews	Watha	1	1,000.00	--	--	--	1	--	[illegible]	18	22	40
Wells Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith	Willard	2	1,000.00	--	--	--	4	2	2	96	113	209
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway	L. T. Bowen	Willard	4	1,000.00	20	6	1	12	3	2	57	77	134
Wilmington, 1st	John Jeter Hurt	Wilmington	W. B. Muse	Wilmington	Every	64,000.00	74	154	4	86	2	8	506	706	1212
" Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	P. F. Morris	Wilmington	Every	30,000.00	32	33	--	31	6	4	249	381	630
" Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	G. C. Gilbert	Wilmington	Every	12,000.00	25	20	9	41	--	2	246	306	552
Winter Park	J. L. Shinn	Wilmington	J. W. Hale	Wilmington	Every	2,500.00	--	23	--	--	--	1	39	51	90
Wrightsboro	A. L. Goodrich	Wilmington	E. S. Hancock	Wilmington R1	1-2-3	2,750.00	1	8	--	4	--	--	33	33	66
Total						164,100.00	284	312	26	264	66	51	2374	3220	5594
*Delgado Branch	A. L. Goodrich	Wilmington	A. J. Sasser	Wilmington	Every	2,500.00	24	55	2	8	--	2	75	109	184

*Included in statistics of the First Church of which Delgado is a Mission.

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minutes Fund	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Missions	Orphanage	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief	Other Objects	Total
Atkinson	175.00					3.25		15.00	15.00		10.00	2.50	6.25		227.00
Barlows Chapel	186.00		54.00			3.00	4.00	3.05	7.10		6.63				263.78
Bear Branch	75.00		7.50			.50									80.50
Bethlehem	250.00		66.95	29.62	6.15	2.50	41.10	38.62	45.85	5.00	28.25	5.17	8.84	16.55	544.60
Burgaw	400.00		138.30	54.66	35.00	2.00	61.02	50.37	89.57		43.87	10.00	5.00		889.79
Canetuck	250.00	450.00	12.00	11.25		2.65	20.25	13.19	19.75		27.00	10.79	1.00		817.88
Cape Fear	104.00			10.00							11.52			12.00	137.52
Caswell	42.20		8.00	13.46		.50	1.00	5.26	5.80		5.00		4.50		85.72
Centerville	300.00	113.00	30.00	30.00		1.00	12.00	10.00	12.00	4.25	7.00	5.00	2.49	60.00	586.74
Emmas Chapel	200.00	438.00		25.00		2.00	16.50	17.80	5.00		12.00	4.25		460.50	1,181.05
Harmony	102.00			3.00		.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.00	5.70			49.04	169.74
Haw Bluff	100.00	175.00	34.25	8.50	3.80	1.50	10.00	4.00	4.00		8.00				349.05
Ivanhoe	125.00					2.00	6.18	5.00	5.00	1.00	3.50	5.00	2.00	26.50	181.18
Jacksonville	350.00		166.87	77.77		5.00	40.00	30.00	50.00	5.00	113.52	11.80	5.00	86.75	941.71
Long Creek	125.00	845.00		3.00			13.20	4.40			7.20	1.10			998.90
Maple Hill				7.00		.50	15.00	8.46	8.46	1.00	6.50	1.50	1.00	8.00	57.42
Masonboro	125.10		20.28	33.97		2.00	14.10	8.00	10.00	25.00	34.30	4.50	2.50	44.48	324.23
Moore's Creek	50.00					1.00	2.00	1.00	1.00		1.00			11.00	67.00
Mount Holly	74.85	4.75		8.85		1.50	2.26	3.52	4.53	3.00	9.50	1.72	1.05	9.95	125.48
Nat Moore	60.14	75.14	18.51	3.42		1.00	4.22				1.75				164.18
Olivett				2.50				5.00	5.00		7.50				20.00
Rileys Creek	110.30		10.23	7.20		1.12	6.90	7.10	8.00		8.00				158.85
Riverside	100.00	97.55	1.50	35.00		2.50	10.30	10.60	8.30	1.75	11.50	3.50	3.45	45.20	331.15
Salem	165.00						4.00	4.00	4.00	1.85	17.00				195.85
Seagate	250.00	2.25	52.24	32.79		1.00	14.65	15.60	19.65		25.54	.80		19.65	434.17
Shiloh	250.00		32.79	22.00	12.66	1.50	8.30	8.30	8.30	2.32	7.82	4.38	2.06	33.00	393.43
Teacheys	100.00	7.00	80.87	17.42	40.00	3.00	17.50	13.15	36.00	5.00	33.00	75.00	2.50	5.00	435.44
Wallace	613.04		184.64	126.00	88.42	6.00	61.95	203.95	96.68	10.00	64.11	96.08	7.55	452.50	2,010.92
Watha	29.47		10.80	9.10	10.00	1.80	3.00	2.00	2.25			2.25			70.67
Wells Chapel	280.00	35.00	30.50	17.00		1.50	32.96	26.73	29.33		31.32	6.25	3.00		493.59
Willard	175.00	6.70				1.37	15.13	15.17	10.00		10.00	10.24	3.55	62.55	309.71
Wilmington, 1st	4,000.00	285.00	4,477.80	875.85	241.94	11.00	547.99	240.00	360.00	25.00	497.35	421.10	20.00	1,778.28	13,781.31
" Southside	1,400.00	521.78	674.27	67.99	188.97	5.00	140.79	61.73	75.65	5.00	113.85	5.00	15.00	139.99	3,414.52
" Calvary	1,300.00	105.10	727.66	78.58	43.10	6.00	283.70	214.00	130.91	34.22	197.20	115.00	30.00	414.22	3,679.69
" Winter Park	353.63	452.22	137.46	62.08		2.00	61.80	36.85	42.98	21.13	68.36	16.00		116.39	1,370.90
Wrightsboro	175.00	5.00	50.00	34.59		1.00	15.00	7.00	6.00		15.00				308.59
Total	*12,395.73	3,618.49	7,024.92	1,707.60	670.04	77.19	1,489.30	641.59	1,128.61	152.52	1,450.09	818.93	126.74	3,851.55	35,602.26
*Delgado	450.00			93.81											*543.81

*Included in statistics of the First Church of which Delgado is a Mission.

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

CHURCHES	Superintendent	Post Office	Secretary	Post Office	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrollment	Church Members in Sunday School	Months Kept Open	Baptisms in School	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	Other Objects	Total Contributions
Atkinson	Prof. Wynn	Atkinson	Daniel Walker	Atkinson	1	8	140	148	60	12	5	25.00				25.00
Barlow's Chapel																
Bear Branch	F. B. Moore	Currie	H. D. White	Montague	1	4	30	34		12		4.00				4.00
Bethlehem	Z. V. Corbett	Currie	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1	6	88	94	40	12		29.62	25.00			54.62
Burgaw	R. Y. Corbett	Burgaw	W. L. Vann	Burgaw	1	11				12			30.75	62.91		93.66
Canetuck	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	S. L. Moore	Currie	1	8	65	73	40	12	2	11.25	5.00	5.00		21.25
Cape Fear	J. M. Hill	Acme	Mrs. R. E. Becker	Acme	1	4	29	33	16	12		10.00				10.00
Caswell	R. S. Driver	Point Caswell	W. I. Driver	Point Caswell	1	6	41	47	23	12		13.46	.51	3.00		16.97
Centerville	E. H. Andrews	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	1	12	109	121	80	12	11	30.00	4.00		50.00	57.00
Emma's Copel	A. B. Cox	Richland	Dewey Whaley	Richland	1	7	65	72	50	12		25.00		12.00		37.00
Harmony	Frank Savage	Willard	Thetus Moore	Ivanhoe	1	5	59	64		12	1					
Haw Bluff	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	W. L. Boswell	Ivanhoe	2	10	65	75	25	12		8.50	6.00	3.00		17.50
Ivanhoe	C. W. Harrell	Ivanhoe	Mrs. W. T. Leyerly	Ivanhoe	1	5	54	59		12	2	5.00		1.50		6.50
Jacksonville	A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville	1	10	80	90	53	12	3	77.77	33.97	72.75	36.91	221.40
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Currie			1	5	40	45	30	12		3.00				3.00
Maple Hill	D. A. Marshburn	Maple Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	1	6	44	50	14	12		7.00				7.00
Masonboro	J. P. Herring	Wilmington, R2	John Donnelly	Wilmington, R2	1	6	86	92	60	12		33.97	15.00	11.00	19.53	79.50
Moores Creek																
Mount Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha	T. I. Bowen	Watha	1	8	49	57	30	12		8.85	3.00	4.50	3.15	19.50
Nat Moore	H. H. Williams	Kelly	Tray Squires	Kelly, R2, Box 34	1	8	47	55	32	12	1	3.42				3.42
Olivett	A. S. Lanier	Rocky Point	L. L. Webb	Rocky Point	1	5	20	25	25	12		2.50				2.50
Rileys Creek	R. B. Moore	Rocky Point	Carey Lewis	Rocky Point	1	7	47	54	19	12		7.20				7.20
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	Ray R. Batson	Burgaw	1	8	62	70	36	12		35.00	.75	11.50	2.00	49.25
Salem	L. D. Bryan	Sneeds Ferry	A. B. Yopp	Sneeds Ferry	1	8	144	152		12		17.00	11.32	7.54		35.86
Seagate	L. Larkins	Seagate	Miss Martha Rogers	Seagate	1	8	132	140	35	12	2	32.79	21.00	25.54	19.65	98.98
Shiloh	J. J. Boney	Ivanhoe	Miss G. Giddins	Willard	1	28	60	88	39	12	2	22.00	3.00	2.00		27.00
Teacheys	A. E. Page	Teachey	Miss Janie Ward	Teachey	1	8	75	83	28	12	8	17.42	11.50	23.00		51.92
Wallace	J. M. Camp	Wallace	A. Dempsey	Wallace	3	14	124	138	109	12	36	126.00	35.00	30.97	64.39	256.36
Watha	C. F. Mathews	Watha	Mrs. M. McGowan	Watha	1	6	60	66	20	12						
Well's Chapel	W. J. Rooks	Wallace	J. R. Moore	Willard	1	7	92	99	65	12		17.00		11.32		28.32
Willard	W. F. Bowen	Willard	Willie Murray	Willard	1	7	108	115	80	12	11	6.25	5.00	5.00	2.00	18.25
Wilmington, Sst	R. F. Coleman	Wilmington	Edgar Child	Wilmington	2	63	775	838		12		970.81	43.43	368.35		1,382.59
" Southside	J. B. Davis	Wilmington	U. S. Mintz	Wilmington	1	21	325	346	182	12	22	67.99	40.04	77.10	44.22	229.35
" Calvary	J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	1	25	275	300	169	12	21	78.58	29.22	117.20	162.80	387.80
Winter Park	D. P. High	Wilmington	C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	1	13	101	114	55	12		62.08	21.13	45.35	94.94	223.50
Wrightsboro	W. L. Moore	Wilmington, R1	Mrs. M. Horne	Wilmington, R1	1	8	128	136	35	12	1	34.59	4.00	5.00		43.59
Total					38	365	3619	3984	1450		128	1,793.05	348.62	905.53	499.59	3,546.79
*Delgado Branch	L. W. Moore	Wilmington	A. J. Sasser	Wilmington	1	13	225	238	125	12		35.94			57.87	93.81

*Included in the statistics of the First Church of which Delgado is a Mission.

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	POST OFFICE	Number of Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Training School	Other Objects	Total
Atkinson	Mrs. R. C. Lewis	Atkinson	20		2.30	4.15	2.75	4.15	13.35
Burgaw	Mrs. R. T. Murray	Burgaw	30	10.65	20.70	15.60	11.65	5.35	63.95
Bethlehem	Mrs. B. F. Keith	Currie	20	9.20	5.50	5.20	2.10	10.55	32.55
Canetuck	Mrs. C. N. Moore	Currie	24	2.45	10.00	6.00	6.40	5.30	30.15
Calvary	Mrs. J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington			10.00	5.00		1.00	16.00
Delgado	Mrs. Mary Scott	Delgado	12		1.50	1.53		1.00	4.03
Emma's Chapel	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	15	4.50	5.80	5.00	4.55		19.85
First, Wilmington	Mrs. R. E. Williams	Wilmington	112	122.08	122.86	326.24	100.00	29.00	700.18
Jacksonville	Mrs. R. P. Hinton	Jacksonville	20	8.00	7.60	12.40	5.00	2.00	35.00
Masonboro	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Masonboro	22	4.00		4.00	2.00	5.00	15.00
Mt. Holly	Mrs. M. W. McMillan	Watha	16	3.38	1.52	1.18	2.80		8.88
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw			3.80	2.30			6.10
Salem	Mrs. W. H. Grant	Sneed's Ferry	36			2.00	2.00		4.00
Seagate	Mrs. G. H. Rogers	Seagate	45		4.00	6.55	.80	2.25	13.60
Southside	Mrs. J. M. McLoughlin	Wilmington	36	35.75	21.73	25.55	13.60	.70	97.33
Teacheys	Mrs. Frank Sloan	Teacheys	15	5.50	5.75	5.00	5.00		21.25
Wallace	Mrs. M. B. Pope	Wallace	29		9.95	13.33	6.00	5.00	34.28
Watha	Mrs. H. N. Turnidge	Watha	16	3.00	2.00	2.25			7.25
Wells Chapel	Mrs. J. S. Wells	Wallace	25			5.50		.28	5.78
Winter Park	Mrs. J. W. Hale	Wilmington	28		21.85	22.98	12.30	7.75	64.88
Willard	Miss Mary Lou Powers	Willard	18	3.70	3.00	3.00	12.80	5.00	27.50
Wrightsboro	Mrs. J. A. Cox	Wilmington, R-1	20					1.75	1.75
Sunbeams.									
Wells Chapel	Mrs. H. Newkirk	Willard	32	.36		.47	.26		1.09
Delgado	Mrs. C. B. Newcomb	Wilmington	27	2.00	2.00	4.00		52.00	60.00
Winter Park	Mrs. C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	29	1.00	1.00		1.40	1.00	4.40
Southside	Mrs. W. G. Hall	Wilmington	70	.70	1.00	2.02			3.72
Watha	Mrs. C. F. Mathews	Watha	30		.52				.52
Canetuck	Miss F. Hilburn	Currie	27		.50	1.42		.50	2.42
Calvary	Mrs. B. B. Pridgen	Wilmington	35		2.50	1.00		2.00	5.50
Seagate	Miss Martha Rogers	Seagate	41			2.24			2.24
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw				1.80	1.00	1.00	3.80
Jacksonville	Miss Etta Freeman	Jacksonville	28				2.24	1.80	4.04
First, Wilmington	Mrs. Robt. F. Coleman	Wilmington					1.24		1.24
Wallace							2.36		2.36
Burgaw	Mrs. W. C. Myers	Burgaw		1.50	1.50	2.33			3.83
Y. W. A's.									
Burgaw	Miss Sallie Harrell	Burgaw	12	1.65	1.35	1.40	1.00		5.40
Seagate	Miss Frances Jones	Seagate	14		1.30	.85			2.15
Wallace	Mrs. F. Powers	Wallace	15	1.00				.50	1.50
Willard	Miss Callie Wells	Willard	10	.25	.25	.50			1.00
First, Wilmington	Mrs. D. H. Wilcox	Wilmington			55.40	45.05	14.90	4.00	119.35
Girls' Auxiliary.									
First, Wilmington						23.05			23.05
Total			929	220.67	325.68	561.89	214.10	148.88	1459.67

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator.	Clerk.	Annual Sermon.
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington, Calvary	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.
1916	Wallace	George E Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	W. G. Hall.
1917	Riverside	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	J. J. Hurt.

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COMMITTEES

Executive Committee:

D. L. Gore,	R. P. Hinton,	R. B. Moore,
W. R. Harrell,	G. E. Leftwich,	J. J. Hurt.

Program Committee:

J. J. Hurt,	J. A. Sullivan,	F. P. Powers.

Standing Committees:

Orphanage	E. B. Josey
Minister's Relief	D. L. Gore
Temperance	J. R. Green
Sunday Schools	A. L. Goodrich
Christian Education	J. J. Hurt
B. Y. P. U	J. A. Sullivan
State Missions	W. M. Huggins
Home Missions	W. G. Hall
Foreign Missions	E. L. Weston
Biblical Recorder	Ad. Hewlett
Woman's Work	L. B. Boney

Ministerial Register:

Baker, T. J	Turkey, N. C.
Beck, J. H.	Ivanhoe, N. C.
Boney, L. B.	Wilmington, N. C.
Booth, J. H.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Brooks, C. V.	Wallace, N. C.
Bryant, K. E.	Wilmington, N. C.
Carter, A. D.	Garland, N. C.
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson, N. C.
Goodrich, A. L.	Wilmington, N. C.
Green, J. R.	Jacksonville, N. C.
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington, N. C.
Henderson, J. K.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hilburn, R. M.	Bladenboro, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D.	Ashton, N. C.
Howell, J. D	Beulahville, N. C.
Huggins, W. M.	Autryville, N. C.
Hurt, J. J.	Wilmington, N. C.
Lanier, Hardy	Wilmington, N. C.
Rivenbark, W. B.	Teachey, N. C.
Shinn, J. L.	Wilmington, N. C.
Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington, N. C.
Weston, E. L.	Burgaw, N. C.
Wilson, S. B.	Delway, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT.

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and, through inadvertence, the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution among the churches.

Art. 8 It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9 The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals beween the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary Sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

Wilmington Baptist Association

TO BE HELD WITH

The Bethlehem Baptist Church

Beginning October 21, 1919.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS

TUESDAY.

10:00 A. M.—Devotional.
—Roll Call of Churches.
—Election of Officers.
10:30 A. M.—Woman's Missionary Union.
11:00 A. M.—Ministerial Relief.
11:30 A. M.—Introductory Sermon.
2:30 P. M.—Devotional.
2:15 P. M.—State, Home and Foreign Missions.

WEDNESDAY.

9:30 A. M.—Devotional.
10:00 A. M.—Temperance.
10:15 A. M.—Sunday Schools.
10:45 A. M.—Orphanage.
11:15 A. M.—B. Y. P. U.
11:45 A. M.—Christian Education.
2:00 P. M.—Devotional.
2:15 P. M.—Biblical Recorder.
2:45 P. M.—All Committee Reports.
3:15 P. M.—Miscellaneous Business.

JOHN JETER HURT,
J. A. SULLIVAN,
F. P. POWERS,
Committee.

MINUTES

OF THE

Eighteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

November 14 and 15, 1918.

Wrightsboro Baptist Church,
November 14, 1918.

The Wilmington Baptist Association convened with the Wrightsboro Baptist Church Thursday morning, November 14, at 10 o'clock. This meeting was postponed from October 22d on account of the influenza epidemic.

Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Livingston Johnson. The roll call showed that fourteen churches were represented at the opening session.

The complete roll of representation during the entire session is as follows:

LIST OF MESSENGERS :

Atkinson—
Barlow Chapel—J. R. Green.
Bear Branch—By Letter.
Bethlehem—A. L. Pridgen.
Burgaw—W. R. Harrell, Mrs. W. E. Dicksey, Mrs. H. I. Bowen, J. T. Bland, E. L. Weston.
Canetuck—R. D. Pridgen, S. L. Moore.
Cape Fear—J. M. Hill.
Caswell—R. S. Driver, O. B. Malpass.
Centreville—L. J. Carter, A. L. Goodrich.
Emma's Chapel—By Letter.
Harmony—By Letter.
Haw Bluff—By Letter.
Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett.
Jacksonville—J. R. Green, R. P. Hinton, A. G. Walton, Guy Lockamy.
Long Creek—By Letter.

Maple Hill—By Letter.
Masonboro—Addison Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—By Letter.
Mt. Holly—T. I. Bowen.
Nat Moore—By Letter.
Olivett—By Letter.
Riley's Creek—L. L. Mason, R. B. Moore, J. Mahn, W. M. Huggins.
Riverside—E. L. Weston.
Salem—Mrs. A. M. Grant.
Seagate—
Shiloh—By Letter.
Teachey—J. D. Teachey.
Wallace—F. P. Powers.
Watha—P. S. Brinkley, Mrs. H. B. Fermage, Mrs. Kate Matthews
Well's Chapel—R. C. Bland.
Willard—By Letter.
Wilmington, First—D. H. Wilcox, J. J. Hurt, G. W. Trask, W. C. Peterson.
Wilmington, Southside—J. S. Canaday.
Wilmington, Calvary—D. L. Gore, C. Y. DeVaun, J. E. Allard, J. A. Sullivan.
Winter Park—A. H. High, L. B. Boney.
Wrightsboro—E. S. Hancock, J. W. Lennon, Adolph Rogers.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, G. E. Leftwich; Vice-Moderator, D. H. Wilcox; Clerk, J. A. Sullivan; Treasurer, F. P. Powers; Statistical Clerk, C. Y. DeVaun.

Sunday Schools were discussed by State Sunday School Secretary, E. L. Middleton.

D. L. Gore presented the report on

BIBLICAL RECORDER.

The Biblical Recorder, I think, was first edited by Thomas Meredith, about eighty-five years ago. The founders intended it to be a newspaper for our denomination, or, as we would say now, an organ, by which the churches should be posted, and thus keep in touch with what all the other Baptist churches of the State were doing, and who were the officers of the Union meetings, the Associations and the State Convention. Farther, the paper was to publish more or less of the deaths, marriages and all other news of note to the members of the churches. Every member of each church that can subscribe for and read the paper, and thus keep in touch with the doings of his or her denomination should do it. Our preachers ought to lay more stress on that than they do. And when the *Recorder* agent comes around and, by great effort, gets a goodly number of new subscriptions, then he should have a list of the new subscribers, as well as a list of his old subscribers, and leave with the pastor, and the pastor should

see that some energetic young man or woman looks after their renewals at the proper time. Some people say they do not like to read. They should take enough interest in their church to read up on its doings for the past and the present. Mr. R. E. Peele on one occasion said, "The way the Bible was written was that inspired writers like Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and others, were merely editing an ancient *Biblical Recorder*, and that was handed down to us through the Bible, and the *Recorder* will be a true record of the acts, good or bad, of the Baptist Church in our day." And, a church member who does not want to read his own paper, and thus find out where the money goes, and other things, not only what was done, but where it was done, and who did it, and thus by doing that, it inspires him to work up to better things, both spiritually and materially.

If we knew all the church members would read the paper, it would be a good idea to have a church fund always on hand, so that when a person's subscription expired, the Treasurer could send the money for a new subscription to the *Recorder*.

Let us think along this line, and not only read the *Recorder* more, but take more good papers and buy more good books, and keep them lying on your center table and book shelves, and each one of us thus absorb knowledge.

Respectfully,

D. L. GORE.

The report was discussed by D. L. Gore, J. S. Canady, Livingston Johnson, F. P. Powers, L. B. Boney, B. F. Keith and John Jeter Hurt.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, (1). That the Wilmington Association join heartily with our Board of Missions in the effort to add 12,000 new subscribers to the list of the *Biblical Recorder*, and that we undertake to secure 250 of these subscribers in this session of the Association; that we apportion to each church of the Association one new subscriber to every twenty of its membership; and that we send statement of its apportionment to each church directly from this Association with the request that the church pass on this matter at its first conference after the Association, and that the new subscribers be secured and forwarded at once to the Board of Missions.

(2). That, in order to reach some of the people in our churches who do not take the *Recorder*, and as an aid to our churches in keeping the *Recorder* and other phases of our work before their members, we recommend that the churches of this Association take a club of the *Monthly Bulletin*, printed by the Board of Missions, each copy enclosing also a great Tract, at the rate of $1.00 per dozen per year.

(3). That this Association co-operate with the Board of Missions in the location and operation of one of the simultaneous and uniform Schools of Pastors and Workers, to be held each year within the boundaries of this Association.

A committee consisting of G. E. Leftwich, B. F. Keith and R. P. Hinton were appointed to apportion the 250 proposed subscribers sought in the Association among the churches.

Further discussion of the *Recorder* was deferred until afternoon.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance Committee—R. B. Moore, W. C. Dicksey, O. B. Malpass.

Place and Preacher—E. L. Weston, C. Y. DeVaun, J. S. Canady.

To Nominate the Executive Committee—W. M. Huggins, W. R. Harrell, A. G. Walton.

On Next Union Meeting—D. H. Wilcox, L. B. Boney, J. T. Bland.

Program for 1919—J. J. Hurt, J. A. Sullivan, F. P. Powers.

The Moderator recognized the following visitors: Dr. Livingston Johnson and Mr. E. L. Middleton, of Raleigh; Dr. E. N. Gwin and Rev. J. K. Henderson, of Wilmington; also the new pastors, L. B. Boney, of Wilmington, and W. M. Huggins, of Salemburg.

The Association adjourned with prayer by W. M. Huggins.

Thursday Afternoon.

The Association reconvened at 2:30 o'clock. The devotional service was held, and prayer by E. L. Weston.

The committee appointed on apportioning 250 proposed subscribers among the churches reported. A number of delegates accepted the apportionment for their churches, and the committee was continued to seek to get all the remaining churches to secure their apportionment within ninety days.

D. L. Gore offered the following resolution, suggested by Dr. Gwin :

"The Association recommends to the churches the appointment of a permanent committee in each church to endeavor to place the *Biblical Recorder* in each home, and to seek to have the subscribers to keep up their subscriptions. This committee to be appointed annually by the church."

The report on *Biblical Recorder* was adopted.

The program was changed to substitute a consideration of the Million Dollar Educational Campaign for the introductory sermon at the evening hour, and Dr. John Jeter Hurt was appointed to lead the discussion.

The Committee on Place and Preacher for the next session offered the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PLACE AND PREACHER.

The Committee on Place and Preacher beg to make the following report: That the next session of the Wilmington Association be held with Bethlehem Baptist Church, and that W. G. Hall preach the introductory sermon; alternate, W. M. Huggins.

E. L. WESTON,
For Committee.

J. R. Green presented the report on

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the teaching function of the Church. The word teach, or its equivalent, occurs one hundred and twenty-six times in the Bible. Jesus is known as the Teacher, and began his public ministry by teaching. Ignorance is the only thing that can succeed without teaching. The Great Teacher in launching the work of His kingdom, recognized the need of His workers being taught or trained. The Church that ignores its teaching function forfeits its right to be called, in the truest sense, a church of the Master Teacher. We must teach or die and be forgotten.

We recommend:

1. That we co-operate with the South-wide policy by holding at least two rural Sunday School Institutes a year in this Association.

2. That our churches enlist all their officers and teachers in Teacher Training.

3. That a committee of two be appointed to co-operate with Bro. E. L.

Middleton in regard to Sunday School institutes and Teacher Training classes.

4. That we co-operate with other churches in the effort to secure these Sunday School Institutes and Teacher Training Classes.

J. R. GREENE.

The report was adopted.

It was decided to consider State, Home and Foreign Missions jointly. John Jeter Hurt presented the report on

STATE MISSIONS.

State Mission work represents the effort of North Carolina Baptists to reach those sections which have no preaching at all, and also to strengthen the hands of brethren who are weak, but are doing the best they can. Therefore, the Mission Board maintains missionaries who go into destitute sections and hold meetings, organize churches, start Sunday Schools, and show the good way of Gospel progress to those who see it not. It also co-operates with regular Baptist churches in securing pastors, organizing fields upon which pastors may be located, adding, whenever possible, a sufficient sum to what the churches may raise to make an adequate salary.

Such work as this is fundamental. It is the bed rock upon which is builded all our foreign mission work, educational institutions, and benevolences of every kind. Without churches in a community there will be no organized religion, and without organized religion there will be no regular seasons of worship, no adequate instruction in religious doctrine and duty, and no heroic giving for the good of mankind. We must have churches. Therefore, we must have preachers and preaching. It takes money to maintain these, and God's people must give it.

Last year our Board of Missions maintained 161 missionaries, who were instrumental in leading to Christ 2,851 souls, and organizing 14 churches. These missionaries also conducted 178 every-member canvasses, preached over 11,000 sermons, organized 77 mission study classes, baptized 1,765 converts, and accomplished lasting good which cannot be chronicled. Such work is indispensable. We must support it to our full capacity.

JOHN JETER HURT,
Chairman.

W. M. Huggins offered the report on

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the philosophy of making real a Christian civilization in America. To accomplish its purpose is a matter of surpassing importance in any wisely conceived mission policy.

The Old Testament prophets, whose eyes kindled with a vision of the

world turning to God, in furthering this divine purpose gave their whole lives to home missions.

In the great commission our Lord gave commands that extend to the utmost limits of the earth, but for all time they also include for each disciple the limits of his own community.

They radiate out from that, and take in every place between it and the place furtherest away.

In the prosecution of the purpose of our Lord for the redemption of the world, Peter and Philip and Stephen and James were as truly carrying out the divine plan of missions when they preached to the Jews, as Paul was when he carried the glad news to the Gentiles.

Foreign Missions succeeds only when it settles down and makes itself at home.

Home Missions is missions making for itself a real home in the hearts of men, and in the economic, social and civic relationship of our land.

We must insist that the Gospel of grace shall rise so high in the hearts of God's people that it shall overflow and enrich the arid fields of greed and injustice and crime and wickedness in our country.

If we do not, we surely cannot think that our gospel is strong enough to conquer heathen nations.

Moreover, how shall we reply if the heathen nations shall say to us, "Physician, heal thyself?"

Out of 92,000,000 population in America only about 20,000,000 are members of evangelical denominations. About 12,000,000 belong to the Catholics, but their faith is so foreign to the genius of American institutions, and so obscures the teaching of the Savior in its idolatrous dogmas of saint worship and papal infallibility, that we must regard this religious body as a spiritual liability, rather than an asset.

The present growth of the South in material prosperity is marvelous. Our vast material resources are being developed with an almost greedy haste. The enormous property losses of the Civil War have been retrieved, and this section now has more wealth than the entire nation had when the war began.

Shall this material prosperity be a curse or a blessing to the South? The Christian people of the South hold the answer.

If our religion is strong enough to consecrate this wealth to spiritual and moral ends it will be a blessing. But if not, it will be a curse to the people and the nation.

We stamp the name of God on our minted coin, but as that name is engraved on the living hearts of men will it avail for the nation or for the lost soul? The greatest single threat to the power of religion in the South today is the mammon of unconsecrated wealth.

The Home Mission Board conducts many departments of activity for saving the people and preparing them for lives of service. It has about 50 workers among the foreigners, 30 mountain mission schools, with 130

teachers and 5,000 students; 20 trained evangelists working effectively among Southern negroes; 40 missionaries, who supply about 70 churches and mission stations in Cuba; 5 missionaries and 4 helpers doing successful work in the Canal Zone; a church building department, which aided in building something over 300 churches last year, and 20 missionaries among the Indians in Oklahoma.

Besides the above, the Home Mission Board participates co-operatively (principally with the State Mission Boards) in a number of States in maintaining something near 1,300 missionary pastors.

This co-operative mission work is in line with the convention's instructions to the Board to form the closest possible relationship with the existing agencies of the denomination in the various States.

To the end that our Board may enlarge its activities, and do for the denomination a work worthy of so great a Christian body, and commensurate with the present urgent needs, your committee pleads regular and large collections for Home Missions in the churches. Our Board could wisely expend a million dollars a year for it. It ought to do it, if we can only bring our churches to make a liberal response to its needs.

Surely Southern Baptists must raise the asked-for amount, and our own State its apportionment.

Your Committee recommends :

1st. That prayer be made in the churches for Home Missions, that God may open our eyes to see our purses to use the rich opportunities to establish our country on the everlasting Rock of Ages.

2nd. That regular collections throughout the year be insisted on, instead of waiting, as so many do, to the end of the year to give to this cause.

3rd. That this body be provided for apportioning the churches the amount our Association is asked to give.

4th. That our pastors be requested to make an earnest effort at least once during the year to preach a special sermon on Home Missions, and the magnitude and importance of the problems involved.

5th. That a club of subscribers be raised in each church for the *Home Field*, the unusually attractive and illuminating monthly magazine of the Home Board.

6th. That the churches and pastors be encouraged to make a large use of the Home Board's informing tracts and sample copies of the *Home and Foreign Field*, both of which are free for the asking.

The address of the Home Mission Board is Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. MARVIN HUGGINS.

J. A. Sullivan presented the report on

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Southern Baptist Convention in session at Hot Springs in May decided that, in order to take care of our Foreign Mission work, Southern Baptists should be requested to give one and a half million dollars to this

cause before the next meeting of the Convention. Compared with Southern Baptist members and wealth, and with what they are doing for other objects, and what others are doing for Foreign Missions, this amount is small.

The Foreign Mission fields represent a thousand millions of people, the most destitute and needy of all the inhabitants of the earth. The work conducted includes everything that our people and our churches are doing at home. A million and a half dollars for this work will not equal a tenth of what we are doing on the same lines for the thirty-odd millions who live in the South, to say nothing of the help which other Christians and denominations are giving to provide religious privileges for the people at home. A million and a half dollars is a great advance upon what we have been doing, and we will have to bestir ourselves to realize it, but it does not measure our full duty in this matter.

God's blessings are upon Foreign Missions. Even the war is helping, instead of hindering, this great enterprise which Southern Baptists are conducting. There were 6,290 baptisms last year. We now have 464 churches on all the fields, of which 141 have assumed self-support. We have a church membership above 53,000, with 715 Sunday Schools enrolling more than 34,000 scholars. In other schools we are conducting, we have enrolled nearly 9,000 scholars. We are conducting theological schools in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, South America. We have but few doctors under appointment, and yet these gave more than 100,000 treatments last year. By His blessing upon the work God is inviting us to enlarge it.

Eighteen new missionaries were appointed in June, and many others are greatly needed. Doors of opportunity are open everywhere.

Every pastor and every church in the Association is admonished to lay large plans, organize the forces, and press vigorously the greatest campaign we have ever undertaken for Foreign Missions, Every Christian in this nation is at this time called distinctly to this international Christian service. This Association should undertake to raise a worthy part of the million and a half dollars, and every church should voluntarily increase its contribution proportionately. The amount of increase for the whole South is 75 per cent. We recommend that the churches of the Association attempt the same increase.

The *Home and Foreign Fields*, price 50 cents, is recommended to all church members. The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., furnishes free of charge tracts for distribution. Order this magazine and these tracts, and inform yourself concerning what God is doing through Southern Baptists throughout the world.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SULLIVAN.

After discussions by J. J. Hurt and Livingston Johnson, the reports were adopted.

The Association adjourned with prayer.

Thursday Evening.

The Association began its meeting at 7:30 o'clock.

After devotional services by the Moderator, J. J. Hurt led in a discussion of Christian Education. He was followed by Livingston Johnson and others. The subject is to receive further consideration Friday morning.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. J. Hurt.

Friday Morning.

The Association began at 10:00 o'clock. A devotional service was held by J. R. Green; prayer by F. B. Hamrick.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were approved.

A letter of dismissal was granted the Nat Moore Church to join the Bladen Association.

The report of the Treasurer was presented and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in bank from 1916		$ 11.95
Minute Fund		15.50
Amount received from Finance Committee		99.70
Check to F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer	$ 8.50	
Check to W. Durham, Treasurer	39.99	
Check to Jackson & Bell, Printers	64.50	
Check to J. A. Sullivan, Clerk	4.64	
Amount in bank, 1917	9.52	
	$127.15	$127.15

Respectfully submitted,

F. P. POWERS.

The Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee recommended the following: D. L. Gore, W. R. Harrell, R. B. Moore, R. P. Hinton, G. E. Leftwich, J. J. Hurt. These brethren were elected.

A. L. Goodrich presented the report on

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. work in North Carolina is making excellent progress. The best convention in the history of the work in the State was held in June at Winston-Salem.

J. D. Moore is our State B. Y. P. U. Secretary. Information may be

secured from him, and hearty co-operation with pastors or laymen interested will be gladly given by him.

A very profitable city training school was conducted last spring in Wilmington by Secretary Moore and Bro. Arthur Flake, of Baldwin, Miss.

The Wilmington churches are to be commended for their splendid B. Y. P. U. work, and other churches are urged to follow their example.

The B. Y. P. U. work in the Wilmington Association, with the exception of Wilmington and one or two towns, is practically dead, or else has never been born.

There are several reasons for this state of affairs.

1. Indifference on the part of some of the preachers.
2. Absentee preachers.
3. Lack of trained B. Y. P. U. workers.
4. Lack of compact fields, so that pastor might keep in touch with his work.
5. Lack of interest on the part of many members.

The committee recommends:

1. That pastors be urged to push this work in their churches.
2. That an Association-wide training school be conducted.

A. L. GOODRICH,
Committee.

The report was discussed by A. L. Goodrich, and adopted.

E. L. Weston presented the report on

MINISTER'S RELIEF.

The function of Baptist Ministers' Relief is to supply with the necessities of life those preachers who were once active in the ministry, but who, by reason of age or affliction, are not now able to do the active service demanded by our churches, and who have not sufficient funds of their own to live upon. Included also in this relief is the ministering to the necessities of the wdows of deceased ministers when they are left without means of support It has often happened in our State that ministers have been so poorly paid that death has found them with nothing to leave behind for the support of the helpmeets who faithfully shared in all their toils and sacrifices. There are at present about 35 beneficiaries. Help is extended in sums ranging from $40.00 to $200.00 per year. Most of these receive no support except what they receive from the Board.

Gifts to this object have increased in the last few years.

Out of the 36 churches in the Wilmington Association, 14 contributed nothing to this object last year. Twenty-two churches contributed $126.74, an average of $5.78 per church.

We can think of nothing that has been done by the State Convention more beautiful than to earnestly recommend that each church make a

special offering for the aged ministers on the Sunday nearest Christmas on which the church may have services. We hope that every church in our Association may make such offering this year. Envelopes for this object will be supplied on application to the Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist Ministers' Relief Board, J. M. Arnett, Badin, N. C.

We further recommend that our Board of Ministerial Relief ally itself with the Southern Baptist Convention Board.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. WESTON.

The report was discussed by E. L. Weston and J. J. Hurt, and adopted.

The Moderator recognized, as a visitor, F. B. Hamrick, of the Orphanage.

K. E. Bryant presented the report on

THE ORPHANAGE.

In these critical days of our country and all the warring nations of the world, the great underlying principles of character have not been utterly destroyed, because our hands have been and are extended to suffering humanity. And now, as a denomination, we look at the many bereft children who are looking up to us for support. No better monument can be erected than that one which carries out the Scriptural injunction of caring for the orphans.

Efficiency throughout the entire civilized world has reached a higher place in the citizenship through State, denominational and military institutions than ever before. Training the mind, soul and body stands strikingly before us today, more than ever. And the institutions that have struggled and survived are the ones we like to link ourselves up with most. The Thomasville Orphanage, which has been a living reality in the minds of our denomination, and on the hearts today, carries an appeal that we cannot turn a deaf ear to.

We have tried to be economical in these war times, and so has the Orphanage. But the bread for our orphan children must have been less plentiful during the month of September, because the fountain head of the Orphanage—the churches—were closed. The hungry child has to be fed. We have contributed liberally to the calls for suffering Assyria and Armenia. Can we, as Baptists, think less of our own Thomasville children?

Since the reception of the first child, Novmber 11th, 1885, into the Thomasville Orphanage, 1,890 have been enrolled and cared for. There are at present 450 at Thomasville, and 75 at the Kennedy Home, making a total of 525. The cost to support one child one day is 40 cents; one month, $12.12, and $145.44 per year. Five years ago the monthly cost of one child was $8.35. The present cost is $3.77 more per month than five years ago. The total annual cost of the 525 children is $75,356.00.

There is a net income of about $12,000.00 from the Orphanage printing press and farm products, leaving about $63,000.00 to come from the Baptists of our State.

Special programs are already being arranged for our Thanksgiving Day. Just emerging into the dawn of a world peace, our hearts are made glad to the extent of giving outward expression. God has left us these 525 children at Thomasville to feed, clothe and educate. Let us make the effort of contributing the amount of one day's work for this great cause.

K. E. BRYANT.

The report was discussed by K. E. Bryant, B. F. Hamrick, G. E. Leftwich, W. R. Harrell, E. L. Weston and J. J. Hurt.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by J. D. Hocutt.

Friday Afternoon.

The Association reconvened at 2:00 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by J. K. Henderson.

The Finance Committee offered the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minute Funds	$ 59.44
Received for State and Associational Missions	27.20
Received for Home Missions	24.28
Received for Foreign Missions	21.46
Received for Orphanage	12.50
Received for Sunday School	2.00
Received for Christian Education	2.00
Received for Ministerial Relief	5.81
Total	$154.69
Shortage	.96
Net Cash in hand	$153.73

Yours very respectfully,

R. B. MOORE,
For Committee.

The Committee on Next Union Meeting recommended Centerville as the place of the next Union Meeting. The recommendation was adopted.

The Program Committee was permitted to prepare the program for the next meeting, and have same published in the minutes.

F. P. Powers was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

J. J. Hurt was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

G. E. Leftwich, J. A. Sullivan and F. P. Powers were elected delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

J. K. Henderson presented for A. D. Carter the report on

TEMPERANCE.

At present prohibition seems to be triumphant, but here lies the danger. The danger is that we will consider the battle won and let up on the fight.

The committee desires to warn against two things:

1. The slackness of the Christians regarding the enforcement of prohibition laws. It is our duty to aid in every way to enforce these laws.

2. We must be certain not to slack in our fight against rum. The devil fights hard, so must we.

A. D. CARTER,
For Committee.

The report was adopted.

E. B. Josey presented the report on

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The Baptists of North Carolina are giving serious thought to Christian education. In a way, thus far, we have done well. If the writer reads aright the signs of the times, greater demands are being made and will be made upon Christian schools and colleges. The Baptists of this State, as well as other States, are planning to meet these additional demands, which are opportunities.

Our Baptist schools and colleges are today pretty well organized, and upon this organization, if supported by our people in the future as in the past, we purpose to build Christian institutions which will bring good not only to ourselves, but to the State and nation as well.

Our present organization includes three colleges and fourteen high schools. Wake Forest, with 18 buildings, and with the land worth

$200,000.00, a library containing 21,000 volumes, a faculty of 52, including assistants, and 507 students. Meredith has 9 buildings, with the land worth $300,000.00, a library with 5,500 volumes, 32 in the faculty, and 424 students. Chowan has 7 buildings, with 52 acres of land, worth $57,000.00, a library of 1,500 volumes, 17 in the faculty, and 102 students. Our fourteen high schools together have ____ buildings, worth $313,000.00, with a faculty of ___, and 2,455 students.

With this organization, what are we going to do with it? What are the purposes of a Christian school? We submit this definition of Christian education which, we think, outlines its purpose. Christian education is that training, beginning with youth which, in addition to the intellectual life, teaches one to KNOW and to LOVE the principles given us by Christ, and the presentation of Christ in such a manner that He may be known aright. If this definition holds, our Christian education should begin with the youth. Godly parents, the family altar, the singing of His praises, and petitions to His throne, are mighty educational influences, and go far towards determining the bent and inclination of the growing mind. While the youth is going through the graded school, the fires around the family altar should never be permitted to go out.

As the youth, arriving at young manhood and young womanhood, enters our Christian high schools and colleges, what shall we do for them? In order for them to meet competition and to become leaders among men, they must be trained intellectually, as others are trained. Without this intellectual training a Christian school cannot stand. In addition to this responsibility, the Christian school has the obligation to teach those under its influence to know and to love the principles given to us by Christ. Without assuming this obligation the Christian school should not stand. If the principles of Christ are presented to the mind from one's youth up, there is every reason to think that one will love the principles, and also the Giver of the principles. To love and to know Christ aright means a successful life.

In order for our life here to be really successful we must know and live the principles of Christ. We must be taught not to be ashamed or bashful about mentioning the name of Christ or His principles while at our daily work. We must be taught that it is manly to stand up for the right at all times. We must be taught to love our neighbor as ourselves, and this will take from us envy, criticism and false council, and will give to us sympathy, companionship and assistance to and from our neighbors. The writer is afraid we have not been taught to have sufficient sympathy with those we see daily. We have not been taught sufficiently to render that service which brings joy both to others and to ourselves. May our Christian schools begin to emphasize this phase of teaching more.

Christian education must be progressively maintained. We, the Baptist of North Carolina, have an obligation to see to it that our Christian institutions are maintained, and are able to meet the demands. Our Christian schools should be placed upon our church budget, and our

children given an opportunity to give to the institution which, later on, is to give him or her so much.

Just now our people are asking us to give one million dollars to our Christian schools and colleges. It is an opportune time. Our people will meet this call and need. There is every reason why we should do so. The individual must see he has a part to play. We trust that none of the units in our organization will be lacking when the totals come in. May we be guided in our decision of giving. The successful drive for one million dollars for our Christian schools will be evidence that our schools, in the past, have achieved success, and that their opportunities in the future will be greatly enlarged and brought nearer to us.

We recommend :

1. That the churches of this Association proceed at once to raise the amount that has been apportioned to us of the Million Dollar Fund.

2. That those who are attending the sessions of this Association as messengers be, and they are hereby, appointed members of the campaign committees of their respective churches.

3. That the three brethren appointed to conduct the campaign in Wilmington Association be, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint committees for churches not represented here by person, and also to add other names to those already in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN B. JOSEY.

The report was discussed by Dr. Gwin, E. B. Josey, J. J. Hurt, J. K. Henderson.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committee for the next session. (See page 3.)

It was decided to omit the subject "Obituary" from the list of Standing Committees.

G. E. Leftwich presented the report of the Executive Committee.

Brethren:—Your committee beg, in submitting its annual report, to state that the year just closing has been the most difficult since the organization of our Association.

The rush after material things, the straining at every point to win the war, the urgent need for men and money, the campaigns of "Liberty Loans," "War Savings," "Y. M. C. A.," "Y. W. C. A.," "Red Cross," "National Aid" and, last, but by no means least, the awful epidemic, has occupied the time and attention of men, women and children to such a

degree that spiritual things have been crowded out. Again, the restlessness of pastors and people have developed to an alarming degree. Hardly before they have time to get acquainted, one or both begin to feel the need of a change, and soon the ties that should become with each day's service stronger, become weak, and break before either church or pastor has time to develop their possibilities. Fifteen of our churches have changed pastors during the past year, and nine are without pastors at present.

Brethren, these things ought not to be. We are building for eternity, and it demands the best of service and sacrifice.

Again, the result of our mission work has been very disappointing. One thousand and sixty dollars was appropriated to our Association during the year, with the result far from being satisfactory. Each point will need as much, or more, with the results hardly as favorably as a year ago.

With no spirit of complaint do we write, but feel you ought to know the true situation.

Our last Union unanimously recommended we adopt Associational missions, and we urge every church to respond liberally, co-operate unselfishly and, as the thunders of the battlefield have ceased, hasten the time when the King of Peace shall reign in every life in our Association, yea, all over the world.

Respectfully submitted,

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Chairman.

Mrs. E. P. Brock, the new Vice-President of the Woman's Missionary Union, was recognized, and presented to the Association.

D. H. Wilcox presented the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Baptist Association express its hearty appreciation for the splendid manner in which the Wrightsboro Church entertained the Association. They are to be commended all the more because of the recent trying experiences connected with the influenza epidemic through which we have passed. Yet their hospitality and entertainment could not have been better.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Dr. Gwin, to meet the Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1919, with the Bethlehem Church.

G. E. LEFTWICH,
Moderator.

J. A. SULLIVAN,
Clerk.

The Sunday School Convention

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

Will hold its next annual convention with the Atkinson Baptist Church, Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29, 1919.

OFFICERS:

President—R. B. Moore.....Rocky Point, N. C.
Vice-President—G. E. Leftwich.....Wilmington, N. C.
Secretary-Treasurer—Miss Smith.....Kelly, N. C.
Assistant Secretary-Treasurer—Rev. A. L. Goodrich.....Kelly, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE :

G. E. Leftwich, *Chairman.*

A. L. Goodrich, L. W. Moore,
W. M. Huggins, C. Y. DeVaun.

Our meeting the past summer with the Caswell Church was the best in our history, and we urge every school to be fully represented at Atkinson next summer.

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union

HELD AT

Winter Park, September 19 and 20, 1918.

The Eighth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Wilmington Association met with the Winter Park Church, September 19th and 20th, with Mrs. Frank Powers, of Wallace, presiding. The following program was rendered:

THURSDAY EVENING—September 19th.

Devotional Service—Conducted by Mrs. Boney.
Address, "Christian Education"—Dr. C. D. Graves.
Pantomime, "Lead Kindly Light"—Winter Park Y. W. A's.

FRIDAY MORNING—September 20th.

Devotional Service—Led by Mrs. W. O. Page.
Address of Welcome—Mrs. Smith.
Response—Mrs. A. G. Walton.
Minutes of Preceding Meeting.
Treasurer's Report.
Report of Literature Committee.
Talk, "How to Increase Our Apportionment, and Plans for the Coming Year"—Mrs. R. E. Williams.
Address—Miss Bertha Carroll.
Talk, "Personal Service"—Mrs. Addison Hewlett.
Instrumental Solo from Chopin—Mrs. Joel Goodlett.
Talk, "Observance of Week's of Prayer"—Mrs. Southerland.
Discussion—"A Model Society."
Talk "The Group Plan in the Association"—Miss Macy Cox.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

Sunbeam Hour, conducted by Mrs. C. S. Lewis.
Talk, "Sunbeam Methods"—Mrs. C. B. Newcombe.
Y. W. A. Hour—Led by Miss M. L. Powers.
Reports from Committees.

In addition to the above program, which was rendered in a pleasing and spiritual manner, there were many brief business discussions, which, we trust, may bear fruit for the Master's cause. Let us remember that the purpose for which our Union exists is, in spite of all contemporaneous events, the greatest movement in existence; namely, the **Evangelization of the World.** May the Lord help us to put forth our best efforts this year to help hasten its achievement.

MRS. E. P. BROCK,
Superintendent.

MRS. R. F. COLEMAN,
Secretary.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST OFFICE	CLERK	POST OFFICE	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains			Losses			Number of Males.	No. of Females.	Total Membership.
							By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration	By Letter.	By Exclusion	By Death.			
Atkinson															
Barlow's Chapel															
Bear Branch	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	W. H. Brinson	Currie	3	$ 200.00				1		1	18	21	39
Bethlehem	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1		6	1	1	6		2	65	64	129
Burgaw	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	C. E. McCullen	Burgaw	1–3	500.00	1	4		4		2	39	57	96
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	4	2,000.00	3	1		6		1	51	73	124
Cape Fear	A. D. Carter	Garland	C. C. Terry	Acme	2	500.00					1	1	13	18	31
Caswell	Hardy Lanier	Wilmington	O. B. Malpass	Currie	4	1,000.00			1	3		2	22	30	52
Centerville	A. L. Goodrich	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	Every	4,000.00	31	22	10			1	75	84	159
Emma's Chapel					4	6,000.00							30	45	75
Harmony	A. D. Carter	Garland	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	4	600.00						2	28	36	64
Haw Bluff	J. H. Beck	Ivanhoe	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	3	1,000.00	1		1	3			37	61	98
Ivanhoe	S. B. Wilson	Delway	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	2	1,000.00		1		2		1	23	27	50
Jacksonville	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville	1–3	6,000.00	7	2		4			28	60	88
Long Creek	A. D. Carter	Garland	W. H. Turner	Currie	1	1,500.00		1	1	1		3	33	49	82
Maple Hill	J. D. Howell	Beulahville	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	4	850.00							30	42	72
Masonboro			E. Walton	Wilmington, R-2	1–3	2,000.00			1	2		4	45	62	107
Moore's Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	Clyde Moore	Currie	4	600.00		4				1	36	39	75
Mount Holly			J. B. Johnson	Watha	1	1,000.00	2					1	27	42	69
Nat Moore	Henry Carter	Garland	Mark Almond	Kelly R-2, Bx. 29	3	1,500.00				7			35	41	76
Olivett					1	700.00							7	10	17
Riley's Creek	W. M. Huggins	Autryville	D. J. Lewis	Rocky Point	4	800.00		2		2		3	39	52	91
Riverside	E. L. Weston	Burgaw	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	3	1,500.00	3					2	26	35	61
Salem	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	L. D. Bryan	Sneed's Ferry	2	500.00	2		1		2	1	21	76	97
Seagate			Miss Rosa Rogers	Seagate		2,500.00					21		18	42	60
Shiloh	J. H. Beck	Ivanhoe	G. F. DeVane	Ivanhoe	2	2,000.00				1		1	59	97	156
Teacheys	L. B. Boney	Wilmington	H. P. Ennis	Teachey	2	2,000.00		1		9		1	60	61	121
Wallace			P. O. Powell	Wallace	2–4	7,000.00		6		12		1	95	100	195
Watha			C. F. Matthews	Watha	3	1,000.00				1			16	21	37
Wells' Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith	Willard	2	1,000.00	9	4		4		3	94	131	225
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway	Willie Murray	Wallace	4	1,600.00	1	9	1			2	63	80	143
Wilmington (First)	J. J. Hurt	Wilmington	W. B. Muse	Wilmington	Every	65,000.00	26	144		33	4	15	500	755	1255
" Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	P. F. Morris	Wilmington	Every	30,000.00	10	24	3	36	1	5	244	382	626
" Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	D. S. Rich	Wilmington	Every	12,000.00	13	25	3	6		6	255	312	567
Winter Park			J. W. Hale	Wilmington, B625		5,000.00				10			34	46	80
Wrightsboro	A. L. Goodrich	Kelly	Lawrence Swinson	Wilmington, R-1	1–3	4,000.00	16	1		2		1	33	33	66
Total						$167,850.00	131	252	23	155	29	63	2199	3084	5283

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCH	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	Minutes Fund.	Associational Funds.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage.	Christian Education	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.
Atkinson																
Barlow's Chapel																
Bear Branch	$ 65.00			$ 2.00				.92		.65		1.04				69.61
Bethlehem	350.00			10.99	3.39	3.44		42.65	37.46	52.61	5.78	64.00	5.02	11.33	98.17	684.84
Burgaw	400.00			47.87	14.00	3.50		80.00	80.00	143.79	5.00	86.81	10.00	15.00	14.05	900.02
Canetuck	250.00	1,550.00		9.11	47.00	3.50		17.00	20.00	27.00		33.95	3.75	3.75	29.50	1,994.56
Cape Fear	132.00		30.00	15.00		.50		5.82	5.82	5.81		14.48		5.81		215.24
Caswell	106.55		2.27	14.49		1.00		5.50	3.31	4.29		5.75	2.50	2.50		148.16
Centerville	300.00	670.50	17.00	54.29		1.00		21.01	21.01	21.01	2.81	25.00				1,133.63
Emma's Chapel																
Harmony	102.00			6.00				3.00	3.00	3.00		6.50		4.01	10.50	138.01
Haw Bluff	150.00	350.00				2.00		5.00	3.00	3.00		5.00				518.00
Ivanhoe	125.00					2.00	$ 2.50	2.50	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	2.00	2.00		152.00
Jacksonville	364.50		279.00	21.89		5.00		50.00	10.00	60.00	5.00	70.49	5.00	5.00		875.88
Long Creek	138.84	205.66		3.25				12.15				8.07	4.42			372.39
Maple Hill	26.50			7.00		.50		20.00	12.50	15.00		8.50	5.00	5.00		100.00
Masonboro	240.00		12.00	12.00	10.00	2.00		10.00	5.00	7.70		25.00			7.30	331.00
Moore's Creek	50.00	300.00				1.00		3.00	2.50	3.00				2.12		361.62
Mount Holly	84.48	4.00				1.00		8.25	4.28	3.91		10.23		1.00	10.45	127.80
Nat Moore	80.00	5.78		3.70	5.69	1.00					1.50	6.67				105.14
Olivett						1.00		3.92	3.00			7.50				15.42
Riley's Creek	250.00		21.00	22.00		1.50		8.50	7.15	8.25		15.00				333.40
Riverside	100.00			20.00				12.05	10.83	8.45	1.00	7.00	2.75		68.06	230.14
Salem	175.00			20.39	14.50	2.00		10.25	19.30	10.85		54.31	5.25	8.00	48.00	367.85
Seagate	133.20	15.00		14.61		1.85		10.70	5.60	6.65		1.61			15.00	194.22
Shiloh	200.00			10.00	15.00			2.80	5.00	7.00		8.00				244.80
Teacheys	250.00			26.61	5.00	3.00		10.00	10.00	25.00		20.00		4.05	100.00	453.66
Wallace	682.83	67.91	183.57	82.34	4.42	6.00		118.51	75.00	73.85	10.00	170.10	25.00	10.00	20.21	1,529.74
Watha	57.76		10.00	9.00	20.00	2.00			6.00	8.00	3.00	2.00			4.96	122.72
Well's Chapel	325.20			15.00		3.50		26.39	17.39	27.30		30.31	4.55	5.00	10.00	464.64
Willard	200.00	100.00				2.50		12.98	12.95	12.69	1.29	7.65	1.10	5.75	81.54	438.45
Wilmington (First)	4,000.00	722.89	5,997.64	363.38	262.02	10.00	578.05	114.85	789.20	598.62	34.10	763.82	422.04	25.00	665.54	15,347.15
Wilmington, Southside	1,600.00	5,957.16	330.47	81.24	46.87	5.00		72.00	35.00	37.05		95.31	5.00	5.00	235.57	8,505.67
Wilmington, Calvary	1,450.00	210.56	560.85	136.67	50.00	5.00		280.00	260.00	215.00		219.96	100.00	30.00	526.04	4,044.08
Winter Park	457.44	178.18	193.06	27.05		2.00		57.68	61.13	56.20		99.82	16.00		25.00	1,173.56
Wrightsboro	400.00															400.00
Total	13,246.30	10337.64	7,636.86	1,035.88	497.89	72.79	580.55	1,027.43	1530.43	1,450.68	70.48	1,878.88	619.38	150.32	1,969.89	42,105.40

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent	Post Office	Secretary	Post Office	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in Sunday School.	Months Kept Open.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Atkinson					1	8	140	148	60	12						
Barlow's Chapel																
Bear Branch					1	4	30	34		12						
Bethlehem	C. V. Corbett	Currie	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1	6	89	95	42	12	6	10.99	6.00		8.00	24.99
Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	Miss Gena Weston	Burgaw	1	11	112	123		12	1	47.87	72.77	86.81	2.00	209.45
Canetuck	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	S. L. Moore	Currie	1	8	63	71	43	12	3	9.11		13.94		23.05
Cape Fear	J. M. Hill	Acme	R. D. Becker	Acme	1	4	24	28	13	12		15.00				15.00
Caswell	R. S. Driver	Point Caswell	Miss Janette Driver	Point Caswell	1	6	40	46	16	12		11.22		3.50	3.27	17.99
Centerville	L. H. Vollers	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	1	19	121	140	90	12	26	54.29	26.24	25.00		105.53
Emma's Chapel					1	7	65	72	50	12						
Harmony	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	Miss Sadie Gurganus	Ivanhoe	1	5	30	35	25	12		6.00				6.00
Haw Bluff	H. Q. Harrell	Ivanhoe	W. L. Boswell	Ivanhoe	2	10	65	75	25	12	2	3.32				3.32
Ivanhoe	C. W. Howell	Ivanhoe	Mrs. W. T. Lyerly	Ivanhoe	1	3	37	40	20	12		5.20		2.00		7.20
Jacksonville	A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville	1	11	74	85	53	12	7	37.05		30.49	134.34	201.88
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Currie			1	5	35	40	25	12		3.25				3.25
Maple Hill	D. H. Marshburn	Maple Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	1	6	30	36	12	12		7.00				7.00
Masonboro	R. J. Padrick	Wilmington, R 2	Jack Orrell	Wilmington, R 2	1		40			12						
Moore's Creek																
Mount Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha	T. I. Bowen	Watha	1	6	39	45	16	12	2	3.84	1.30	3.53	6.00	14.67
Nat Moore	J. H. Squires	Kelly	Troy Squires	Kelly	1	5	55	60	32	12		3.70	1.50	1.00		6.20
Olivett					1	5	20	25		12						
Riley's Creek	R. B. Moore	Rocky Point	Carey Lewis	Rocky Point	1	6	50	56	20	12		22.00			18.75	40.75
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	R. L. Hocutt	Ashton	1	7	60	67	40	12	3	20.00		7.00		27.00
Salem	L. D. Bryan	Sneed's Ferry	A. B. Yopp	Sneed's Ferry	1	7	119	126	34	12	2	20.39	12.95	39.31	7.00	79.65
Seagate	L. Larkins	Seagate	Miss Martha Rogers	Seagate	1	7	100	107	25	12		14.61	11.25	21.21	7.39	54.46
Shiloh	A. B. Herring	Watha	Miss G. Giddins	Willard	1	13	71	84	34	12		10.00				10.00
Teacheys	W. T. Byrd	Teachey	Miss Jennie Ward	Teachey	1	8	73	81	40	12		26.61	8.69	7.66		42.96
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	A. Dempsey	Wallace	2	17	158	175	112	12		82.34	54.07	136.50	25.21	298.12
Watha	C. F. Matthews	Watha	Mrs. M. McGowan	Watha	1	7	60	67	20	12		9.00				9.00
Well's Chapel	Ben Newkirk	Willard	J. S. Wells	Willard	1	9	60	69		12	6	15.00		5.22		20.22
Willard	J. W. Brockington	Willard	Willie Murray	Wallace	1	6	60	66		12		10.00	2.00		5.00	17.00
Wilmington (First)	R. F. Coleman	Wilmington	Edgar Child	Wilmington	2	63	775	838		12		363.68	85.10	437.64		886.42
Wilmington, Southside	J. A. Kelly	Wilmington	W. S. Mintz	Wilmington	1	21	276	297		12	7	81.24		95.31	61.40	237.95
Wilmington, Calvary	J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	1	25	225	250	149	12	11	136.67		219.96	175.61	532.24
Winter Park	D. P. High	Wilmington	C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	1	13	120	133	60	12		27.05	20.48	71.27	152.21	271.01
Wrightsboro	Coy Hewett	Wilmington	Richard Rogers	Wilmington	1	18	90	108	45	12	14					
Total					37	356	3406	3762	1101		90	1,056.43	302.35	1207.35	606.18	3,172.31

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	POST OFFICE	Number of Members.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Building.	Training School.	Other Objects.	Total.
Woman's Miss. Society.										
Atkinson	Mrs. R. C. Lewis	Atkinson			$ 4.25	$ 4.25		$ 2.75	$ 1.00	$ 12.25
Burgaw	Mrs. W. C. Dicksey	Burgaw		$ 23.80		20.00	$ 5.00	9.55	1.50	59.85
Bethlehem	Mrs. B. F. Keith	Currie	21	6.55	5.75	11.50	10.00	5.00		38.80
Canetuck	Mrs. C. N. Moore	Currie	25	12.00	9.00	10.00	5.00	2.00	1.50	39.50
Emma's Chapel	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	13	4.00	3.25	2.85	2.00	3.00	.60	15.70
Jacksonville	Mrs. A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	20	10.68	61.00	15.00	7.00	1.00		94.68
Masonboro	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Masonboro	20	5.00	3.40	10.50		5.00	1.30	25.20
Mt. Holly	Mrs. M. W. McMillan	Watha		2.05		1.16	4.00	1.15		8.36
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw, Route 1	12	2.00	2.35	4.00	2.55	4.00		14.90
Salem	Mrs. J. W. Willis	Sneed's Ferry	24		9.30	3.00	1.00	1.00		14.30
Seagate	Mrs. G. H. Rodgers	Seagate		.80						.80
Southside				14.32		18.13				32.45
Teacheys	Mrs. F. Sloan	Teacheys		2.25	7.46	2.60		3.00	.70	16.01
Wallace	Mrs. F. P. Powers	Wallace	28	14.50	9.05	12.85	19.50	5.56	4.05	65.51
Watha	Mrs. G. H. McGowen	Watha	13	2.50	8.00	10.75	20.02			41.27
Wells Chapel	Mrs. J. S. Wells	Wallace		6.00		6.20	5.00	5.00		22.20
Willard	Miss M. L. Powers	Willard	15	3.00	5.00	2.00	5.00			15.00
Wilmington (First)	Mrs. R. E. Williams	Wilmington	101	2.85	173.01	243.17	284.70	181.34	58.00	943.07
Winter Park	Mrs. J. W. Hale	Wilmington		14.10	31.95	31.90	30.25	5.00	22.40	135.60
Y. W. A.	**LEADER.**									
Burgaw—G. A.	Miss Sallie Harrell	Burgaw		1.15	1.55	1.25				3.95
Wallace	Mrs. F. Powers	Wallace				2.00				2.00
Well's Chapel				.55						.55
Wilmington (First)	Mrs. D. H. Wilcox	Wilmington		20.40		69.94		40.70		131.04
Wilmington (First(G. A.						10.00				10.00
SUNBEAMS.	**Superintendent.**									
Canetuck	Miss C. Pridgen	Currie	21	1.50	1.25	.50	.50			3.75
Delgado	Mrs. C. B. Newcombe	Wilmington	25	2.94	7.67	2.33	1.00			13.94
Jacksonville	Mrs. J. R. Greene	Jacksonville	25	1.50	3.07	6.85			1.19	12.61
Mt. Holly	Miss Molly Murray	Watha	15		.30					.30
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw	15	1.05	1.00	2.45	2.76	1.00		8.26
Wallace				.60						.60
Watha	Mrs. J. H. McGowen	Watha	21	1.60		.70	1.56			3.86
Well's Chapel				.58						.58
Wilmington (First)	Mrs. R. F. Coleman	Wilmington				12.45			1.10	13.55
Winter Park	Mrs. C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	27	8.35	2.62	2.62			.25	13.84
Total			441	166.62	350.23	524.95	406.84	276.05	93.59	$1814.28

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Annual Sermon
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington (Calvary)	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.
1916	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	W. G. Hall.
1917	Riverside	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	J. J. Hurt.
1918	Wrightsboro	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	

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COMMITTEES

Executive Committee:

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W. R. Harrell,	G. E. Leftwich,	J. J. Hurt.

Program Committee:

J. J. Hurt,	J. A. Sullivan,	F. P. Powers.

Standing Committees:

Orphanage	J. R. Green.
Minister's Relief	L. B. Boney.
Temperance	D. L. Gore.
Sunday Schools	F. P. Powers.
Christian Education	E. L. Weston.
B. Y. P. U.	D. H. Wilcox.
State Missions	A. L. Goodrich.
Home Missions	J. A. Sullivan.
Foreign Missions	J. J. Hurt.
Biblical Recorder	G. E. Leftwich.
Woman's Work	Ad. Hewlett.

Ministerial Register:

Atkinson, L. J.	Newbern, N. C.
Barnes, W. H.	Salemburg, N. C.
Boney, L. B.	Wilmington, N. C.
Booth, J. H.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Bryant, K. E.	Acme, N. C.
Carter, A. D.	Garland, N. C.
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson, N. C.
Goodrich, A. L.	Kelly, N. C.
Green, J. R.	Jacksonville, N. C.
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hall, R. J.	Wilmington, N. C.
Henderson, J. K.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D.	Ashton, N. C.
Hurt, J. J.	Wilmington, N. C.
Johnson, W. R.	Wilmington, N. C.
Lanier, Hardy	Wilmington, N. C.
Powers, J. H.	Burgaw, N. C.
Sullivan, J. A.	Wilmington, N. C.
Weston, E. L.	Atkinson, N. C.
Wilson, S. B.	Delway, N. C.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this Covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore, by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and, through inadvertence, the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No officers shall be elected to office for more than four consecutive years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

MINUTES

OF THE

Nineteenth Annual Session

OF THE

Wilmington Baptist Association

October 21 and 22, 1919.

Bethlehem Baptist Church,
October 21, 1919.

The Wilmington Baptist Association convened with the Bethlehem Baptist Church, Tuesday morning, October 21, at 11 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by A. D. Carter.

A roll call of the churches showed a representation from 31 at the opening session.

The complete roll of representation during the entire session follows:

LIST OF MESSENGERS:

Atkinson—Mrs. H. T. Corbett, A. H. Pridgen.
Barlow's Chapel—J. R. Green.
Bear Branch—W. H. White, L. S. Lewis.
Bethlehem—Lloyd Pridgen, A. P. Pridgen, J. T. Anderson.
Burgaw—W. C. Dicksey, W. R. Harrell, H. I. Bowen.
Canetuck—H. J. Marshall, H. D. Smith, W. J. Moore.
Cape Fear—
Caswell—Miss Janette Driver, W. D. Malpass, O. B. Malpass.
Centerville—Lee Smith, W. T. Rawls, J. S. Pridgen, Claud Peterson, A. L. Goodrich.
Delgado—W. R. Johnson, E. W. Walden, E. Herring.
Emma's Chapel—Letter.
Harmony—A. D. Carter.
Haw Bluff—W. H. Barnes, John Barnhill, Mrs. John Barnhill.
Ivanhoe—C. R. Corbett, Willie Moore, G. L. Gurganous.
Jacksonville—A. C. Dawson, Mrs. A. C. Dawson, G. A. Lockamy, Mrs. G. A. Lockamy.

Long Creek—H. H. Walker, Ivey Russell, Mrs. Ivey Russell, Major Moore.
Maple Hill—D. H. Marshburn, K. F. Powers.
Masonboro—J. A. Orrell, Ad. Hewlett.
Moore's Creek—Clyde Moore, J. D. Caisson.
Mount Holly—Letter.
Olivett—R. G. Shepard, F. C. Shepard, A. S. Lanier.
Providence—W. H. King, Mrs. W. H. King, L. J. Atkinson.
Riley's Creek—W. T. Harrelson, Eddie Taylor, Cleveland Scott, J. T. Mahn.
Riverside—Letter.
Salem—J. R. Green.
Seagate—L. Larkins.
Shiloh—W. C. Moore, A. B. Herring.
Teacheys—T. R. McMillan, J. W. Fussell, A. E. Page.
Wallace—F. P. Powers, M. B. Pope.
Watha—Letter.
Wells Chapel—L. R. Highsmith, R. F. Highsmith, W. J. Rooks.
Willard—E. K. Powell.
Wilmington, First—J. J. Hurt, H. L. Deans, D. H. Wilcox.
Wilmington, Southside—W. G. Hall, J. L. Anderson, P. D. Buck, P. F. Morris.
Wilmington, Calvary—J. A. Sullivan, D. L. Gore, B. B. Pridgen, C. Y. DeVaun, Mrs. C. Y. DeVaun.
Winter Park—A. H. High, Mrs. R. W. Mason.
Wrightsboro—G. E. Leftwich.

The following order of business was recommended by the Program Committee:

TUESDAY.

11:00 A. M.—1. Devotional.
2. Organization.
3. Address, Dr. Livingston Johnson.
2:00 P. M.—1. Devotional.
2. Reports on all Campaign Objects.
3. General Discussion.

WEDNESDAY.

9:30 A. M.—1. Devotional.
2. Reports on Temperance, Sunday Schools, Biblical Recorder, B. Y. P. U.
3. General Discussion.
4. Miscellaneous.
2:00 P. M.—General Discussion of Great Campaign.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, W. G. Hall; Vice-Moderator, F. P. Powers; Clerk, J. A.

Sullivan; Treasurer, D. H. Wilcox; Statistical Clerk, C. Y. DeVaun.

Instead of the Introductory Sermon an inspiring address on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign was made by Dr. Livingston Johnson, of Raleigh.

The Association was led in prayer by J. J. Hurt.

The Moderator announced the Finance Committee: M. B. Pope, W. J. Rooks, B. B. Pridgen.

The pastor of Providence Church, L. J. Atkinson, of New Bern, asked for re-admission of that church into the Association, and presented as delegates W. H. King and Mrs. W. H. King. The church was reinstated, and the Moderator extended to the pastor the hand of welcome.

J. C. Powell, of the Eastern Association, was recognized and welcomed.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Petitionary Letters: D. H. Wilcox, E. L. Weston, J. R. Green.

W. R. Johnson, pastor of the new church at Delgado, presented an application for the church's admission in the Association. The application was referred to the proper committee.

The campaign song, "Millions for the Master," was sung, and the Association adjourned with prayer by J. A. Sullivan.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock.

After singing, prayer was offered by W. R. Johnson.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Place and Preacher: W. C. Dicksey, D. H. Marshburn, R. F. Highsmith.

To Nominate the Executive Committee: A. Hewlett, J. L. Anderson, R. D. Pridgen.

The Committee on Petitionary Letters reported,

recommending that Delgado Church be received into the Association. The report was adopted, and the Moderator extended the right hand of fellowship to the pastor and delegates.

There being no report on State Missions, G. E. Leftwich was asked to prepare a report to be published in the minutes.

W. G. Hall offered the report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The most urgent mission task that confronts us today is the spiritualization of the life of the New South. The astonishing increase of the South's wealth will crush the souls of the people if they are not strong enough to master it for spiritual ends. And only a vital religious life and service can give the strength.

In the South's unmixed native American blood and evangelical faith, Southern Christian bodies have had and still have their best chance to show what they can do for God, people and country. It is at once our radiant opportunity and our supreme religious responsibility.

Baptists are now the most numerous evangelical body in America. American Baptists have five-sixths of their members in the South. Here we greatly outnumber any other religious group. Only yesterday, we felt burdened beyond our strength in trying to solve the problem of spiritualizing the South's new wealth. And while the battle was still on as to whether we had religion enough to master our wealth, we were swept into the whirlpool of the greatest war in history.

No people was ever great enough to overcome the downpull of such overwhelming forces, except as they placed their faith in the strength of God and His Christ. A greatly enlarged program of Home Missions has been our almost instinctive response to such challenges. While our people have humbled themselves to their knees, they have, through the instruction of the Southern Baptist Convention, ordered their Home Board to undertake tasks that formerly we would have considered far beyond us.

In days of trial we instinctively turn to the foundation of things, which in prosperity we are likely to forget. The modest Home Missionary has always wrought among the foundations, near the soil. It is the inspiration of God which, in this hour of unusual stress, has prompted Southern Baptists greatly to multiply the number and increase the efficiency of these modest messengers of God's truth.

The Southern Baptist Convention instructed the Home Board to outline its work for this year on the basis of a million-dollar apportionment. It told this Board to enlarge greatly its efforts to serve. Especially did it declare for large and worthy efforts to help our soldier boys. Not

fewer than one in five of the boys in the army are from Baptist homes, and have Baptist preferences. To serve and safeguard the deepest needs of these boys of ours in a time when they will be subjected to severe and unaccustomed stress and trial is the ranking mission task of Southern Baptists at this hour.

The Home Board is momentarily increasing its successful work in the army camps. This calls for greatly enlarged giving by our people. It calls for a doubling or more of the contributions of our churches to Home Missions. But our people are well able to do this. Every noble impulse will inspire us to declare that we will do it. For country and human liberty our boys are giving their all. A loyal Baptist cannot afford to do less and will do no less than his best in helping to guide and stand by these boys in their deepest spiritual longings and needs.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That all our pastors and churches give frequent special seasons of preaching and praying for Home Missions, and of giving to the work.

2. That this Association gladly accept and apportion among the churches its increased apportionment for Home Missions.

3. That our pastors and women be requested to arouse an interest in the unusually vital Home Mission Study Books issued by the Home Mission Board, and to urge the formation of Mission Study Classes in these books.

4. We urge that our pastors and workers order and make a larger use of the splendid free Home Mission tracts issued by our Board. An order of a "one-each" package will enable each to determine for himself which tracts are suitable for his church. Orders for tracts and books should be addressed to the Publicity Department, Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL.

E. L. Weston offered the report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Any just appreciation of the Foreign Mission Board's work and responsibilities, and any effort to provide adequate resources for this work must be based upon a knowledge and just consideration of the extensive fields which the Board is cultivating, the conditions on these fields, the variety of work that is being conducted, and the necessities of the work which we have allowed to accumulate through the years.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is charged with propagating the gospel in Japan, China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil,, Argentina, Chile, etc. Such numerous and extensive mission fields put this work out of comparison with anything else we are doing.

On these fields there are vaster numbers of human beings than the human mind can grasp. The population in these lands mounts into the

hundreds of millions—some of them white, some black, some yellow, but all of them the object of God's love.

The condition of these millions as compared with the people whom we know adds emphasis to the appeal of the great field and the great numbers. These multitudes, whether in pagan or papal lands, are handicapped by ignorance and superstition, by physical suffering, and above all by aggravated sin for which they have found no remedy. If there is any pity in the Christian heart, it ought to be provoked by the deplorable conditions under which millions of our fellow-beings on these mission fields are spending their lives, while we enjoy the blessings of the gospel and a Christian civilization which it has produced.

But we shall not properly appraise Foreign Missions if we overlook the fact that it includes the evangelization of the lost, the education of the ignorant, the training of the saved, the healing of the sick, the housing of feeble mission churches. Indeed, all that we are doing at home through state mission boards, home mission boards, education boards, orphanages, sanitaria and the rest we are doing through the Foreign Mission Board. No adequate provision can be made for a work so extensive, so varied and comprehensive if we put Foreign Missions on a parity with any single Christian enterprise which we are conducting at home.

There is another fact, and a great fact it is, which must be taken into consideration if we are to meet our obligations to this great work at this time. The war immeasurably enlarged our international Christian duty. The heroic efforts and sacrifices which we made to set the world free from the extraordinary restraints of autocracy creates for us a new and larger duty to promote everywhere the internal constraints of the gospel of Christ. The unrestrained freedom of unregenerated human nature inevitably menaces the world. The extraordinary world situation which we have created with our guns lays upon us the most serious responsibility to send the gospel into all nations.

The Convention at Atlanta in May recognized the new obligations which this extraordinary world situation laid upon Southern Baptists, and authorized the Board to undertake reconstruction work in Europe, to hasten with the gospel into disturbed and endangered Russia, and to set up the banner of Christ in Persia, Syria and in Galilee, from whence the blessings of Christ's life and death have flowed down through centuries to us, and to which we are under peculiar obligations. In the new work thus designated for the Foreign Mission Board its task and its needs have been well-nigh doubled. Let churches and individual givers lay to heart these facts in making future contributions to this work.

It is fitting to say that as poorly as we have supported this great world enterprise, the blessings of heaven have been upon it. Some of the results of the work last year were 5,635 converts baptized, 41 churches organized, two churches assuming self-support, 61,588 patients treated and 129,298 treatments administered.

The world fields are ripe unto the harvest, but much of the bending grain will be lost if we do not quickly thrust in the sickle. The world has

never seen the universal human mind so expectant, so ready to make great decisions, and therefore such need for quick and decisive action by those who would turn that mind to the right things and lead the world by the highway of the cross back to God. Foreign Mission duty was never so imperious as just now.

The Foreign Mission Board furnishes for free distribution the best tracts, and can fill orders for the best books on Foreign Missions. We would, therefore, recommend to our people that they cultivate an acquaintance with the Literature Department of the Board and seek to promote among our church membership a better knowledge of the work.

While the 75-Million Campaign has been presented to the body in another report, your Committee on Foreign Missions would add its endorsement of this movement, and its admonition to the churches of the Association that there be no failure to give this Campaign the most unqualified, faithful and enthusiastic support. The success of the Campaign will help everything that we are doing, and its failure would hurt everything. We have set for ourselves a task worthy of a great people, and shall prove ourselves worthy of our inheritance if we can accomplish it. The eyes of our Lord and of the world are upon us, and we must succeed in this great thing to which we have laid our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. WESTON.

J. J. Hurt presented the report on Christian Education, which was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

One of the most outstanding facts of our day is the increased interest in Christian Education. The great war has taught us the imperative necessity of the right kind of education. A great authority on German Education has declared that if there had been a score of Christian Colleges in Germany the war would not have occurred.

The perpetuity of Christian civilization, the spread of Christianity, the leadership of our denomination and the welfare of our own boys and girls demand that increased emphasis be placed upon Christian Education. This is the only type of education that makes for efficiency plus character.

Our Southern Baptists are awake to the gravity of the situation. We have schools and colleges scattered through the South. These have done and are still doing a great and good work, but they have been handicapped for lack of funds and system. Several years ago the Southern Baptist Convention established an Education Commission, which has done good work along the lines of enlightenment and enlistment.

At the Convention last May a great forward step was taken. A campaign was launched to raise 75 million dollars in five years. Christian Education is to receive 20 million of this amount. Every dollar of it is needed, and every Baptist should do his level best to make the campaign a glorious success. The reports are most encouraging.

At the same meeting of the Convention an Education Board was established and located in Birmingham, Ala. The headquarters of this Board are in the South Side Baptist Church, Birmingham. Dr. J. E. Dillard is Acting Corresponding Secretary.

The Board maintains an office, which is a clearing house on Baptist Education. Here is gathered the literature from all the schools, reports of all similar boards and commissions, questionnaires, revealing the exact status of institutions of learning and such an assemblage of materials as enables one to become conversant with conditions in the educational world.

The Board will make surveys of the educational conditions existing in the various states, the needs of the various schools, whether more schools are needed, whether certain courses of studies should be added or dropped, whether schools should attempt junior or senior college work, and in general will help to standardize, co-ordinate and correlate our schools.

The Board will consider and make recommendations on such problems as how to improve rural schools, how to relate State and denominational schools; the relations to be sustained between academies, colleges, universities and seminaries; how to relate our schools more closely to the churches, etc.

The Board will assist the various States in their educational campaigns for funds and students; provide or prepare a suitable educational literature; seek to care for the Baptist boys and girls in State and private institutions; will conduct a perennial campaign for students; will seek to enlist students of promise in special Christian service; will establish a Teachers' Bureau; solicit funds for education and in general use every legitimate means to increase the interests of our people in Christian Education.

Call upon this Board for literature, information and help. Brethren, work and pray, seek to enlist our young people in our schools, give your money and your efforts to the cause of Christian Education,

Our State is co-operating with the Education Board in this work, because we feel the imperative need of increased facilities, of higher standards, and of better instruction.

The enrollment at Wake Forest has already gone beyond 500. Meredith College had to turn away this fall nearly one hundred prospective students. Our other schools are having unprecedented enrollments. We must put into the minds of our young men and women the principles which we want reproduced in our homes and churches.

JOHN JETER HURT.

A. L. Goodrich presented the report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Sunday School is the teaching department of the church. The temperature of a church need not be measured by its roll of members, nor by its preacher, but by its Sunday School.

A safe Sunday School axiom is, "You cannot have a dead church with a live Sunday School, nor can you have a live church and a dead Sunday School."

The next five years will see probably the greatest development in Sunday Schools that our State has ever witnessed.

Among the things that assure a great degree of progress in the immediate future are:

1st. The development and promised enlargement of the mobile schools. During the past year the Normal Manual was taught in all the mobile schools.

The visible results from just one mobile school, in what is sometimes called an undeveloped association are: Twelve teacher training classes; three graded schools, 3 religious census, twenty-seven certificates for completion of Section 1 of the Manual. Multiply these results by sixty-five and what may we not expect as a direct result of the mobile schools.

2nd. Sunday Schools have before them a bright future because of the tremendous results that are expected to result from the 75 Million Campaign.

These results may be summarized as follows:

(1) Teachers and officers will be more plentiful because of laymen and laywomen developed as a result of our campaign.

(2) Enlistment week will add many to our enrollment.

(3) The enthusiasm and consecration brought about will mean much for our schools.

Your Committee recommends:

(1) A teacher training class in each school.

(2) A yearly religious census.

(3) Every school graded.

(4) Every class organized above the Junior Department.

(5) The organization of an efficient messenger department.

(6) The support of the 75 Million Campaign in every way.

D. L. Gore offered the report on Minister's Relief, which was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTER'S RELIEF.

Our aged and wornout ministers is the most supreme object of benevolence of our Church or Convention. It is almost a disgrace to think of our neglect toward them. We shell out to the Orphanage without stint. I hear the Chinese take much better care of the aged and decrepit parents, and even of their people who are turned over to be supported by charity, than we have done by many of our aged preachers. I notice $5,000,000 allotted to them in our 75,000,000 drive. We should push forward to raise the money. While all the objects of the 75,000,000 are worthy

objects, I think old minister's relief should be at the head of the list. I often think of people who are trying to raise money in churches. It is not, "Can we do it?" but "Will we do it?" Where there is a will there is a way. A strong pull and a pull altogether, and we will reach the goal.

D. L. GORE,
Chairman.

J. J. Hurt for E. B. Josey, offered the report on the Orphanage, which was adopted.

REPORT ON THE ORPHANAGE.

The Orphanage, as heretofore, has grown and developed along many lines. The several departments of the Orphanage are enlarging their scope and influence.

The General Manager, in his last report to the Trustees, says: "Hundreds of applications have been turned down within the last few months for the lack of room." Our present policy of receiving children whose mothers, possibly, might care for them needs careful consideration. There is no one better qualified to care for the child than its mother, and should this mother be financially unable, our Sunday School and churches should supplement the mother's resources and suggest to her work (and throw to her work) that will enable her to care for herself and child. This will relieve the Orphanage somewhat, and give the real orphans a greater opportunity. Not only will this secure relief to the Orphanage, but the mother caring for the child will necessarily teach the child self-reliance and possibly a trade, which trade later in life, may serve the child well. Some policy to handle this situation well will serve our denomination and our State.

Bequests, as reported during the year, amounted to $5,871.83. Other receipts amounted to $176,964.03. The Orphanage spent during the year a similar amount. The value of our property is $452,087.08. Our organization is able to care for the children and to give the best of what they have for $168.76 per year, or $14.02 per month. This is remarkable.

The Seventy-Five Million Dollar Fund will mean great things for our people, and the Orphanage comes in for a share. Some are going to give more cheerfully and in larger amounts because the Orphanage is remembered, and made a beneficiary of this fund.

We look upon the Orphanage today with hope and confidence. We are proud of its record.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWIN B. JOSEY.

W. G. Hall presented the report of the Associational Director on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Ga., in May, with twice as many messengers in attendance as at any former meeting, determined with unity of purpose and loyalty of spirit to raise 75 million dollars in the next five years for the enlargement of their work in missions, education, and benevolence. The following considerations evidently led them to propose this mammoth movement for Christ:

1. The vastness of the World War and the greatness of America's part in reconstruction, put on Southern Baptists a new and limitless responsibility in the world's spiritual regeneration.

2. Baptist conviction and polity demanding a course of separation from the unionizing and confederating movements about them, made Baptists see that if they are to go straight on in the New Testament-determined course, and carry out Christ's demand on them in the world's spiritual regeneration, they must multiply their efforts to enlarge their work.

3. Their great numbers, with increasing wealth, brought to them a sense of great responsibility, and conscious of the depth of their convictions and unity, and the power of a Southwide co-operation, they saw afresh the vision of a great task.

4. They realized as never before the need of larger equipment for all their churches, schools, orphanages, hospitals, and other agencies, both at home and abroad, and saw the vast opportunity this strengthened program would give them.

5. They saw anew that if democracy is to be made safe for the world, the peoples of the earth must be enlightened, and that this democracy must be dominated by the spirit of the gospel of Christ.

6. They saw a larger duty to aged ministers, heroes of the cross, who have fought against odds with a sacrifice greater than we are asked to make, and included in this campaign a Southwide movement to establish an adequate fund for their relief.

7. A deeper compassion for lost souls swayed the hearts of our people throughout the South, and compelled them to redouble their efforts to save them.

What Will Success in This Campaign Do With Baptists?

1. It will call us to *prayer* as never before. If we are to win, we must do it by the way of the Throne, through importunate supplication.

2. It will test our *faith*, and we will hear Him saying unto us: "Be it unto you according to your faith." We will thus make in modern Baptist history another Eleventh Chapter of Hebrews.

3. It will test our *unity* and the *efficiency of our organization*. We will never impair the doctrine of the rights of the individual conscience and the independence of the local churches, but we will magnify and

manifest to the world the unifying power of a common faith, convictions and purpose, in our effective mobilization of all the spiritual forces in our democracy under the Lordship of our only Master.

4. The success of this campaign will *fathom the depths* of our *sacrificial giving*, and tell how we decide between Christ and money.

What Will the Campaign and the Successful Issue of it Do for Baptists?

1. It will enable them to *greatly multiply* and *strengthen their missionary agencies* at home and abroad.

2. It will almost double the *efficiency of our Christian schools.*

3. It will enable Baptists to increase their *hospital efficiency,* for the cure of the *sick* and the *suffering,* and enlarge our facilities for the support of *hundreds of orphans* who cry daily for our care.

4. It will bring to us a spirit of *revival quickening.* It will call out and engage us all for larger service.

5. It will provide Baptists a better opportunity to *deliver their message and set forth their doctrines* of the rights of conscience, separation of church and state, the integrity of the Scriptures, the Lordship of Christ, and the freedom of the local churches under Him, from any lordship of popes, priests, bishops, and all other ecclesiastical autocracies.

The Executive Committee has apportioned the 75 Million to the States. Our State apportionment is $6,000,000. Our State forces have apportioned to our Association $150,000, and this amount has been divided among our churches. As loyal servants of our Lord, and faithful messengers of His gospel, we are asked to join this movement with the most co-operant spirit and in the most self-sacrificing way.

We, therefore, heartily recommend that this Association accept joyfully its apportionment, and that we pledge ourselves to aid in effecting the best organization possible for the raising of our quota until success crowns our cause, and then join in jubilant praise to God for Victory.

Respectfully submitted,

W. G. HALL,
Associational Director.

The Association was then open for a general discussion of the great Campaign. Addresses were made by W. G. Hall, J. J. Hurt, D. L. Gore, J. C. Powell and L. J. Atkinson.

F. P. Powers offered the report of the Treasurer, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1919.

Balance in bank from 1917		$ 9.52
Minute Fund		27.46
Amount received from Finance Committee		138.12
To check, Walters Durham, Treasurer	$ 82.75	
To check, F. B. Hamrick, Treasurer	12.50	
To check, Jackson & Bell, Printers	63.00	
To check, J. A. Sullivan, Clerk	5.54	
Balance in bank, 1918	11.31	
Totals	$175.10	$175.10

Respectfully,

F. P. POWERS,
Treasurer.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. C. Powell.

WEDNESDAY.

The Association began its morning meeting at 10:00 o'clock.

A devotional service was led by J. R. Green.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were approved.

Archibald Johnson, of the Orphanage, was recognized and welcomed.

The last sentence of Article 5 of the Constitution was by unanimous vote, changed from "No Moderator shall be elected to office for more than four years" to read, "No *officer* shall be elected to office for more than four *consecutive* years."

The Committee on Nominating the Executive Committee reported as follows:

Your Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee for the next year, beg leave to submit the following: D. L. Gore, W. R. Harrell, R. P. Hinton, W. G. Hall, J. J. Hurt, G. E. Leftwich.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. ANDERSON,
For the Committee.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees for next year. (See page 3.)

F. P. Powers was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

D. L. Gore was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with G. E. Leftwich as alternate.

J. A. Sullivan, L. B. Boney and D. H. Wilcox were elected to the Baptist State Convention.

W. G. Hall, Associational Director, was appointed to arrange a program for the Union Meeting at Burgaw, November 29th.

J. R. Green offered the report on Temperance.

TEMPERANCE.

At midnight June 30, 1919, dawned the date for which we have labored and prayed, the day for which some of our truest and bravest men have given their lives, including the beloved Moffett, of Virginia, and Gambrell, of Mississippi. Ought we not, here and now, to pause for praise and thanksgiving to our gracious Father, the God of our deliverance? Let us confidently hope there will never be another legalized saloon in the United States. A great victory has been won, but the fight is not yet over. We must not cease or slacken our efforts. The liquor traffic is not a law-abiding business, and its champions neither fear God nor regard men. Moral battles are never completed. Already every imaginable device has been contrived to undermine, circumvent and defeat this great measure. Created by law and sheltered by law all these dark, bloody years, the saloon, the whole liquor traffic, especially the German brewers who worked hand in hand with the German Kaiser and the junkers for the destruction of our Government, now as always defies all law. The Bolsheviki have hoisted their red flag of anarchy and alongside the banner, "No beer, no work." The traffic, glutted with human treasure and blood, says the Constitution is unconstitutional. From its swollen treasury it takes huge sums to employ able legal counsel to try to defeat prohibition. It insults American labor by attempting to show that the working man cannot or will not work without beer.

A class of newspaper editors and other writers who have always been on the side of the liquor traffic, and have not been slow to criticise, or even abuse, the preachers and churches and all other temperance forces, have suddenly changed front. They now sing in soft and soothing strains that the fight is all over. They even praise the organizations that have led the fight against rum, but in the same breath they tell us that these organizations can now go out of business; that their work is done. Why are these champions of a lawless and heartless traffic willing that we should disband and cease our efforts, but perfectly willing to keep up its organizations and to keep up its fight against prohibition? We have broken through the Hindenburg line of the liquor forces, but we must not stop till the

armistice and the treaty of peace are signed, and it is made as impossible for the liquor power again to menace the people as it is now impossible for Germany again to menace the world. We must secure from Congress and the States proper enforcement legislation and crystallize public sentiment for complete enforcement of the law.

The brewers are retreating from America, but have already established strong outposts in other countries not heretofore under their rule. Some breweries have been established in Mexico—a large number in China. The traffic seeks to fasten its fangs in the arteries of every nation not familiar with its methods and character.

We have given our billions of money and the lives of 75,000 of our gallant sons for the deliverance of the world from the rule of despots in government, for the freedom and democracy of the world, why should we not go to the rescue of the world from the domination of the greatest of all tyrants? The Anti-Saloon League of America has already laid broad and thorough plans for carrying the fight into all the world. Having opened an office in London the League proposes to open offices in other national capitals. The League had representatives on the Western front, with the approval and co-operation of the Government, to ascertain and report accurately the facts and conditions in the American Expeditionary Forces. The League of Nations provides for the suppression of the liquor traffic among the native races.

Through the Anti-Saloon League and other such organizations as may commend themselves to our judgment, we ought to lengthen our battle-front and press the battle until the whole world shall be free from the reign of rum.

J. R. GREENE.

After discussion by J. R. Green the report was adopted.

J. A. Sullivan presented and discussed the report on B. Y. P. U., which was adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

There are 67 Junior Unions and 302 Senior Unions in the State. The last State Convention was held at Asheville June 10th to 12th. The next annual Convention will be held in Durham June 16th and 17th, 1920. The State banner was won by Mars Hill College with a grading of 96; the Junior banner has been won for three consecutive years by the Wadesboro Union, with a percentage this year of 89. It was decided to have two Senior State banners hereafter, one for the colleges and schools, and one for the church unions. The State Secretary, Rev. J. D. Moore, is doing splendid work in stimulating progressive work among the various unions.

It is interesting to know that 387 of the young men from our unions were enlisted in the great war, nine of whom made the supreme sacrifice.

On October 26th, the day for the "calling out of the called," I wonder how many of the young men and women are going to answer the call of

the Captain of our Salvation, and present themselves to work under the pure white banner of Jesus Christ? It is glorious to think of the wonderful possibilities of the young people of the State in time of this greatest of all campaigns of Southern Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SULLIVAN.

G. E. Leftwich, for A. Hewlett, offered the report on the Biblical Recorder.

BIBLICAL RECORDER

If you wish the support, sympathy or co-operation of a man, you first interest him in your cause.

How shall we enlist the interest of our great Baptist host all over North Carolina to the extent of having their co-operation in the general work of the church? I know of no one agency that will do more to accomplish this, than our church organ, the Biblical Recorder.

One great reason why so many people fail to do their bit in the evangelization of the world is because they have not been informed along the line of mission work, either at home or in the foreign fields. Talk to them about the Seventy-Five Million Dollar Campaign, and so many times you get no response, simply because they know nothing of the great needs of the work. One who never reads is almost sure to be only local in his conception. The more one reads the more his vision broadens, and the more interest he takes in his brother across the sea. This being true in a secular sense, then in order that he may have a world vision as to the work of the Master every church member should read the religious newspaper or denominational organ.

Just at this time, as never before, our people need the church papers that they may view the present campaign in its broadest sense, for when they all realize the truth of the situation we shall surely have a whole-hearted response.

The Recorder was never better than today, and the Baptist who isn't reading it is missing a great opportunity. Who that reads the doctrinal series by Dr. Livingston Johnson can fail to be a better, a sounder Baptist? I hope to see the time when every North Carolina Baptist church shall have a Recorder fund, and in this way place into each home represented in the church a copy of the Recorder.

G. E. Leftwich also offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Information is one of the greatest needs, and

Whereas, The Biblical Recorder is the best medium to render practical service,

Resolved, 1st. That this Association recommend to the churches that the Recorder be placed on the church budget, and a copy sent to each family of the church, as far as practicable.

Resolved, 2nd. That a committee of three be appointed to assist each church in carrying out the above.

Livingston Johnson discussed the report, after which the report and resolution were adopted.

L. B. Boney offered the report on Woman's Work, which was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

It gives me great pleasure to present to you some facts concerning the work of our noble women. At the last session of the Baptist State Convention, held in Greensboro, the members of the Woman's Missionary Union of the State were assured of the hearty endorsement and high appreciation of that body for the great work that our consecrated women are doing for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord. They were also heartily commended for their methods of work.

In their mission study they are gathering valuable information, which makes them intelligent as to the various mission fields and their needs, and this information is imparted to other members of the churches who do not take time to study missions; the definite aim set before them is a constant inspiration: their prayers for missions call down blessings on the whole church, and the regularity with which they give is a demonstration of the value of systematic giving.

Interest in the work is maintained by raising money in the societies, and at the same time the church gets credit for the amount raised, as the money is turned over to the church treasurer.

It is believed by many that a change in financial methods, whereby the members of the societies would contribute through the regular church budget, would result in abatement of interest, if not in the death of many of the societies.

The following is a statement of the work of our women in the Wilmington Association:

There are 18 Woman's Missionary Societies, 6 Y. W. A., 11 Sunbeams, 2 Royal Ambassadors. These societies made the following contributions:

State Missions	$ 504.38
Home Missions	805.69
Foreign Missions	673.98
Church Building	175.60
Training School	393.40
Christian Education	338.53
Orphanage	3.00
Margaret Fund	4.45
Other objects	23.65
Other objects not listed	21.39
Total	**$2,944.07**

Number of churches in our Association	36
Number of societies in our Association	37
Number of Female Members in churches	3,083
Number of Female Members in Societies	700
Number of churches having W. M. S.	18
Number of Y. W. A. and G. A. Societies	6
Number of Sunbeam Societies	11
Number of letters and postals written by Superintendent	248
Number of miles traveled by Superintendent	791
Number of Societies organized	7
Number of Societies visited	10
Number of phone calls	150
Number of meetings held	7
Talks made	12

The amount of money reported to the Superintendent for missions, not including any used for the local Association, or any given for orphans or for personal service, and not including some gifts to Christian Education, of which they were unable to get report this quarter, $2,922.78, or $1,108.50 more than they gave last year. If they could have had an accurate report of gifts made for causes mentioned, no doubt the figures would have reached $3,500.00. And next year the contributions for the Orphanage will be counted in their budget, which, together with some gifts for Christian Education given this year, but not counted in until next year, will help them greatly in attaining their $5,000.00 mark, which is their apportionment in the 75 Million Campaign.

Let us heed the injunction of Paul when he said, "Help these women who have labored with me in the furtherance of the gospel."

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. BONEY.

The Moderator announced the Committee on Program for the next session: John Jeter Hurt, J. A. Sullivan and F. P Powers.

After singing the campaign song, "Millions for the Master," the Association adjourned with prayer by Archibald Johnson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock.

After singing, D. H. Wilcox led in prayer.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee on Place and Preacher recommend Tuesday and Wed-

nesday after the third Sunday in October, 1920, with the Teachey Baptist Church. Preacher of the Introductory Sermon, R. J. Hall, of Winter Park; J. H. Powers, of Burgaw, Alternate.

Respectfully submitted,
R. F. HIGHSMITH,
For the Committee.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We would recommend that the amount turned over to the Treasurer for other than the Minute Fund, be apportioned by the Treasurer to the objects of the 75-Million Campaign, and check mailed to Walters Durham, at Raleigh, N. C.

The amount received by the Committee from the churches is as follows:

Minute Fund	$ 71.24
For other objects	56.83
Total	$128.07

Respectfully submitted,
M. B. POPE,
Chairman.

The Association listened to addresses by Archibald Johnson, J. C. Powell and P. D. Buck.

J. J. Hurt offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

"Given to hospitality." This is Paul's injunction to the Christians at Rome and everywhere. Hospitality is dying out. It needs a revival, in our hearts, our homes, and our churches.

The people of Bethlehem Church can instruct us all in the graces of Christian hospitality. Sugar shortage and servant irresponsibility have not estopped the flow of hospitality in the section where we now meet.

We, therefore, the delegates and visitors to the nineteenth annual session of the Wilmington Association, would bear witness to, and give thanks to God for, the fact that our brethren here, along with many other excellences, have learned to abound in the graces of hospitality also.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Livingston Johnson, to meet with the Teacheys Church, Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1920.

J. A. SULLIVAN, Clerk.
W. G. HALL, Moderator.

After adjournment, the Moderator upon reaching home found an application of the Emma's Chapel Church for a letter of dismission to unite with the Neuse-Atlantic Association, and desiring the letter in time for Association meeting soon to be held. After consultation with those of the Executive Committee within reach, the Moderator instructed the Clerk to send the letter, pending its ratification at the next annual meeting, the letter to carry with it the apportionment of this church on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign.

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union

HELD WITH

Bethlehem Baptist Chuch, September 12th, 1919.

The ninth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Wilmington Association met with the Bethlehem Baptist Church on Friday morning, September 12, 1919, at 10 o'clock. The Superintendent, Mrs. E. P. Brock, presided, and the program rendered was as follows:

Meeting opened with the song, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

Mrs. W. H. Grant conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Grant earnestly emphasized the personal service side of Christ's life here in this world.

The sweet sincerity of Mrs. B. F. Keith in her address of welcome was truly felt, and all were made glad to be present.

The response to this was given, in her usual happy manner, by Mrs. A. S. Holden, of Winter Park.

After the reading of the minutes, there was a roll call of societies, fifteen of which were represented.

All present were greatly pleased with the most excellent report read by our beloved president, Mrs. E. P. Brock.

Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Williams, was presented and adopted.

Report of Literature Committee was presented by Mrs. D. H. Maultsby. Mrs. Maultsby urged that no member should neglect to take and read some of our denominational papers and magazines.

The report on Personal Service, a paper sent in by Miss Mae Cox, and read by the Secretary, was adopted.

It was moved and carried, that with the $31.00 for this object already in the treasury, that the Union raise enough to complete the amount of $175.00, a sufficient sum for the purpose of sending a girl to the Training School at Louisville. Also on motion it was carried that Miss Margaret Garvey take charge of this work.

After a statement by the Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Williams, to the effect that the Union had fallen short in payment of salary promised to our Associational Superintendent this year, the necessity and plans for raising full amount of $300.00 the next year was discussed by Mesdames Hanby, Newcombe, Dicksey, Bland, Page, Keith and Holden.

On motion of Mrs. C. S. Lewis it was decided that each representative present assume in her own society the responsibility of raising a proportionate part of Superintendent's salary.

Mrs. Brock stated that it was her intention to give the $149.00, paid her, as a thank offering to the 75-Million Dollar Campaign.

The following committees were announced:

Committee on Time and Place.—Mrs. A. S. Holden, Mrs. C. N. Moore and Mrs. W. H. Grant.

Nominating Committee—Mrs. C. B. Newcombe, Mrs. J. T. Bland, Mrs. Chris Moore and Mrs. W. O. Page.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Mrs. J. J. Hurt and Miss Mary Lou Powers.

Mrs. W. C. Dicksey was appointed a Committee of one on Obituaries for the next year.

A vocal solo, "Tell Me the Old, Old Story," which was indeed an inspiration, was given by Miss Rose Goodwin.

An address, "A Message from Japan," by Mrs. Foy Johnson Willingham, doubtless the best number on the program, will long be remembered by those in attendance. In her gentle, easy manner, she took us, as it were, back to her home on the evergreen slopes and sunny glades of the beautiful mountains of Japan, telling us much of the manners and customs of those people for whom she is giving her life in the service of her Master and Lord.

With a prayer by Dr. J. J. Hurt, the Union adjourned until the afternoon session.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

After a bountiful dinner, daintily served on a long table in the grove surrounding the church, we again assembled in the church.

The devotional services were led by Miss Ercell Corbett, prayer being offered by Mrs. J. T. Bland.

The Sunbeam hour was conducted by Mrs. C. S. Lewis, during which time two little Winter Park Sunbeams sweetly sang, and an entertaining little program was rendered by the Sunbeams of Canetuck, under the leadership of Miss Cornelia Pridgen.

A short talk and general report on Y. W. A. work was given by Miss Mary Lou Powers, after which there was a song by a Y. W. A. girl, Miss Esther Ward. Miss Margaret Garvey gave an interesting talk on "The Trained Worker."

Miss Rose Goodwin made a valuable talk on "The Training School."

A few remarks, much to the point, were made by Superintendent, Mrs. Brock, on the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

Committee on Time and Place offered the following report:

That the next session of the W. M. U. of the Wilmington Association convene with the Baptist Church at Atkinson on Thursday night and Friday after the first Sunday in September, 1920. Report was accepted.

The Nominating Committee recommended the election of officers and chairmen of committees as follows:

For Superintendent—Mrs. R. W. Mason.

Assistant Superintendent—Miss Florence Whitney.

Secretary—Mrs. E. P. Brock.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. J. D. Lewis.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. E. Williams.
Y. W. A. Superintendent—Mrs. J. A. Brown.
Sunbeam Leader—Miss Thelma Moore.
Chairman Literature Committee—Mrs. D. H. Maultsby.
Chairman Personal Service Committee—Mrs. Addison Hewlett.
These were elected.

Mrs. J. D. Lewis presented the following report on Resolutions:

1st. That we sincerely appreciate the delightful hospitality tendered us by Bethlehem and Canetuck churches.

2nd. That we feel greatly indebted to the speakers who have made our service so inspiring.

3rd. That we express to our retiring officers, especially Mrs. Brock, our thanks for their untiring efforts during the past year.

4th. That to our missionary visitor, Mrs. Willingham, we feel greatly thankful for her heart-thrilling message.

Report was accepted.

It was regretted that our returned missionary, Mrs. McMillan, who was to have spoken on the work in China, was providentially kept away. In her absence Mrs. Willingham spoke touchingly of Mrs. McMillan as a friend and Christian worker.

There was a splendid address by Dr. J. J. Hurt, after which the Union was dismissed with a prayer by Mrs. Willingham.

This was one of the most successful sessions of the Wilmington W. M. U., and was full of interest from the beginning, a fine spiritual feeling pervading the whole meeting.

While it was much to our regret that Mrs. Brock, who so efficiently served us, will no longer serve in the capacity of Superintendent, still we are most grateful in securing the services of Mrs. R. W. Mason, and Oh, may we rally to her support and co-operation; and may we, as one whole, in order that our lives may on and upward go, press upward to the mark of the high calling as it is in Christ Jesus our Lord and Master.

MRS. E. P. BROCK,
Superintendent.

MRS. ADDISON HEWLETT,
Assistant Secretary.

TABLE 1—STATISTICAL

CHURCH	PASTOR	POST-OFFICE	CLERK	POST-OFFICE	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains			Losses			Number of Males.	Number of Females.	Total Membership.
							By Baptism	By Letter	By Restoration	By Letter	By Exclusion	By Death			
Atkinson	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	A. H. Costin	Atkinson	1	$ 2,000.00	9	8	--	8	--	--	96	103	199
Barlows Chapel	J R. Green	Jacksonville	W. S. Hall	Sloop Point	4	1,200.00	1	--	--	2	--	1	35	42	77
Bear Branch	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	W. H. Brinson	Currie	2	200.00	--	--	--	--	--	1	18	19	37
Bethlehem	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	3	1,500.00	4	1	--	7	--	6	61	62	123
Burgaw	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	1-3	6,000.00	1	10	--	6	--	--	41	66	107
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	4	2,500.00	2	3	--	2	--	--	52	74	126
Cape Fear	A. D. Carter	Garland	C. C. Terry	Acme	2	500.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	18	31
Caswell	Hardy Lanier	Wilmington	O. B. Malpass	Currie	4	1,000.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	22	26	48
Centerville	A. L. Goodrich	Kelly	C. A. Jones	Kelly	Every	4,000.00	--	11	1	--	4	3	78	80	158
Delgado	W. R. Johnson	Wilmington	L. J. Bryant	Wilmington	Every	2,500.00	4	4	--	--	--	3	39	62	101
Emma's Chapel	N. D. Blackman	Goldsboro	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	4	6,000.00	5	--	--	5	--	--	31	31	62
Harmony	A. D. Carter	Garland	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	4	600.00	3	--	2	1	--	3	25	37	62
Haw Bluff	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	L. C. Boswell	Ivanhoe	1	1,100.00	--	--	--	--	--	--	34	57	91
Ivanhoe	S. B. Wilson	Delway	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	2	1,000.00	8	2	--	--	--	--	28	32	60
Jacksonville	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville	1-3	6,000.00	11	4	--	2	--	1	28	65	93
Long Creek	A D. Carter	Garland	H. H. Walker	Watha	1	----------	--	--	--	--	--	2	32	51	83
Maple Hill	J. H Booth	Rose Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	1	850.00	--	--	--	--	--	3	27	38	65
Masonboro	R J. Hall	Wilmington	Elijah Walton	Wilmington, R. 2	1-3	3,000.00	4	--	--	5	--	3	43	53	96
Moore's Creek	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	Clyde Moore	Currie	4	800.00	--	2	--	1	--	1	38	40	78
Mount Holly	S. B. Wilson	Delway	J. B. Johnson	Watha	4	1,000.00	2	--	1	3	--	--	30	39	69
Olivett	A. D. Carter	Garland	J. W. Webb	Rocky Point	3	800.00	--	1	--	3	--	--	10	11	21
Providence	L. J. Atkinson	Newbern	Miss Annie Bethea	Holly Ridge	3	500.00	11	3	--	--	--	--	5	17	22
Riley's Creek	----------	----------	D J. Lewis	Rocky Point	4	800.00	3	--	--	2	--	--	41	54	95
Riverside	----------	----------	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	1	1,500 00	--	3	--	--	--	1	26	34	60
Salem	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	L. D. Bryan	Snead's Ferry	2	300.00	--	--	--	8	5	2	20	59	79
Seagate	K. E. Bryant	Acme	G. C. Boltzego	Seagate	2-4	2,500.00	10	3	3	--	--	2	24	42	66
Shiloh	J. K. Henderson	Wilmington	Geo. F DeVane	Ivanhoe	2	2,000.00	12	1	--	1	--	--	51	101	152
Teacheys	L. B. Boney	Wilmington	H. P. Ennis	Teachey	2	4,000.00	7	4	--	7	--	3	60	64	124
Wallace	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	A. Dempsey	Wallace	2-4	10,000.00	7	6	--	10	9	1	72	97	169
Watha	K. E. Bryant	Acme	Mrs. J H. McGowen	Watha	3	1,000.00	7	3	--	4	--	--	17	26	43
Well's Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith	Willard	2	2,500.00	--	1	--	3	--	4	87	119	206
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway	E. P. Matthews	Willard	4	1,600.00	5	1	3	5	--	2	60	86	146
Wilmington, First	John Jeter Hurt	Wilmington	W. B. Muse	Wilmington	Every	75,000.00	28	102	--	123	4	21	450	654	1104
Wilmington, Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	Y. C. Rich	Wilmington	Every	35,000.00	54	80	3	22	64	18	256	388	644
Wilmington, Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	R. B. Pridgen	Wilmington	Every	12,000.00	28	50	9	17	4	13	283	347	630
Winter Park	R. J. Hall	Wilmington	H. B. Shaw	Wilmington	Every	2,500.00	2	15	--	10	--	1	30	52	82
Wrightsboro	R. J. Hall	Wilmington	James Swinson	WilmngtonR-1	1-3	4,000.00	--	--	--	2	--	1	36	27	63
Total	----------	----------	----------	----------	------	$197,750.00	228	318	22	259	86	96	2299	3173	5472

TABLE II—FINANCIAL

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	Minutes Fund.	Associational Missions	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Missions	Orphanage.	Christian Education.	Ministerial Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.
Atkinson	$ 300.00	$	$ 50.00	$ 37.38	$	$ 3.00	$	8.00	18.00	17.40	5.00	20.00	6.00	5.00	9.50	479.28
Barlows Chapel	200.00			8.00	40.00											248.00
Bear Branch	50.00			4.00		.50		1.00	3.25	2.00		4.85				65.60
Bethlehem	350.00	34.24		13.44		3.29		13.95	15.06	17.88	7.52	49.77	514.40	7.70	190.32	1,217.57
Burgaw	438.84	50.26	27.56	59.43	8.40	5.00		67.31	63.80	178.07		233.05	61.77		41.60	1,235.09
Canetuck	250.00			13.14		3.00	89.85	(For all missions.)				38.25				394.24
Cape Fear																
Caswell	93.91		.99	10.43				3.20		3.90		10.50		3.25	4.00	130.18
Centerville	600.00	173.48	98.17	185.12	20.42	2.00		66.73	40.04	66.73		28.65				1,281.34
Delgado	450.00				20.00	2.00	1.00	1.00	1.00			77.32				552.32
Emma's Chapel						2.00	48.00	(For all missions.)								48.00
Harmony	102.00			7.00		.80		3.00	3.00	3.00	.50	5.00		2.30	76.00	202.60
Haw Bluff	200.00	450.00	126.45	1.50		7.00										784.95
Ivanhoe	175.00			8.19		2.00		10.00	10.00	11.00	1.00	10.00	10.00	2.00	40.00	279.19
Jacksonville	485.00	12.50	94.27	26.35		10.00	146.42	(For all missions.)				165.58	64.62		460.65	1,465.39
Long Creek	148.32	293.17		4.00		.80		12.00	2.25			10.15	1.41			472.10
Maple Hill	225.00			8.50	7.42	1.00		14.23	17.62	13.40	2.00	15.25	5.00	5.00		314.42
Masonboro	305.00		15.00	50.00	25.00	2.00		80.00	20.00	45.50	5.00	68.00	22.00	5.00	50.00	692.50
Moore's Creek	75.00	150.00		10.00		1.00		4.00	3.00	4.00		1.43				248.43
Mount Holly	49.70			12.66		1.50		5.00				17.26		1.75	54.42	142.29
Olivett	102.00				33.00	1.00		5.00	3.50	3.50		9.50				157.50
Providence	100.00			10.37		1.00	1.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	1.00	3.00		131.37
Riley's Creek		20.00	258.75	30.00	54.10	1.50		10.00	10.00	10.00		20.00				414.35
Riverside	55.00			10.27		3.00		8.78	6.58	11.58					75.25	170.46
Salem	211.81		3.00	22.35	4.77	2.00		5.00		5.00	1.14	121.04			63.02	439.13
Seagate	264.00			39.96	15.00	2.00		11.86		11.86		36.93	5.46		54.00	441.07
Shiloh	200.00			16.00		1.00		8.00	8.00	8.00		10.36				251.36
Teacheys	317.14		20.30			3.00		15.00	15.00	25.00	5.00	28.10	5.60	7.00	433.54	874.08
Wallace	452.50		130.28	99.49	20.93	7.00		130.41	101.43	112.91	40.00	183.35	145.56	35.00	228.05	1,686.91
Watha	80.09			14.70		1.70		2.00	7.16	10.82	6.00		2.55		55.00	180.02
Well's Chapel	344.15			16.00		2.00		22.97	15.65	36.03		51.94	6.75	5.55		501.04
Willard	200.00	50.00			6.15	1.25		5.00	6.25	7.75		3.50	3.75	6.25	63.00	352.90
Wilmington, First	5,000.00	1,022.89	3,577.32	512.79	228.00	10.00	875.52	473.15	581.17	1204.91	30.00	1004.54	519.66	50.00	1225.00	16314.95
Wilmington, Southside	2,080.00	650.06	751.09	95.38	40.00	5.00		179.80	270.88	400.67	7.30	246.24	310.00	15.00	837.95	5,889.37
Wilmington, Calvary	1,827.50	2,349.62	695.84	189.29	65.63	5.00		311.55	283.65	293.65	78.85	466.45	100.00	50.00	89.84	6,806.87
Winter Park	600.00	160.84	84.40	78.16	43.33	2.00		90.00	100.80	119.50	33.00	175.64	157.04		161.90	1,806.61
Wrightsboro	217.91	182.44	32.00	35.06								12.00				479.41
Total	16,549.87	5,599.50	5,965.42	1,628.96	632.15	93.34	1,161.79	1570.94	1610.09	2627.06	225.31	3127.65	1941.97	203.80	4213.04	47,150.89

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Church	Superintendent	Post-Office	Secretary	Post-Office.	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in Sunday School	Months Kept Open	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Atkinson	H. E. Mills	Atkinson	W. H. Lewis, Jr.	Atkinson	1	12	75	87		12	9	$ 37.38	$ 8.00	$ 8.00	$	$ 53.38
Barlows Chapel	W. S. Hall	Sloop Point	Elizabeth Atkinson	Sloop Point	1	7	60	67	45	12	1	8.00				8.00
Bear Branch	H. D. White	Montague	L. S. Lewis	Currie	1	6	34	40	23	12		4 00		4.85		8.85
Bethlehem	Z. V. Corbett	Currie	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	1	5	70	75	50	12	3	13.44			6.50	19.94
Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	S. L. Bowen	Burgaw	1	12	115	127	42	12	1	59.43	100.23	226.95		386.61
Canetuck	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	S. L. Moore	Currie	1	8	60	68	43	12		13.14		18.00		31.14
Cape Fear	J. M. Hill	Acme	R. D. Becker	Acme	1	4	24	28	13	12						
Caswell	O. B Malpass	Currie	Jeannette Driver	Point Caswell	1	6	39	45	12	12		10.43		4.00		14.43
Centerville	L. H. Vollers	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	1	21	204	225	105	12		185.12	10.00			195.12
Delgado	Coy Hewett	Wilmington	A. J. Sasser	Wilmington	1	8	165	173	75	12	1			77.32		77.32
Emma's Chapel	W. E. Taylor	Richlands	S. A. Cox	Richlands	1	4	40	44		12						
Harmony	Frank Savage	Willard	Nida Gurganous	Ivanhoe	1	5	40	45	35	12	3					
Haw Bluff	H. Q. Harrell	Ivanhoe	W L. Boswell	Ivanhoe	1	10	60	70	20	12		1.50				1.50
Ivanhoe	C. W. Howell	Ivanhoe	Mrs. W. T. Lyerly	Ivanhoe	1	4	30	34	20	12		8.19				8.19
Jacksonville	A. C. Dawson	Jacksonville	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville	1	12	83	95	55	12	10	26.35	91.26	58.08	27.86	203.55
Long Creek	O. D. Malpass	Currie			1	5	35	40	25	12						
Maple Hill	D. H.Marshburn	Maple Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	1	5	25	30	15	12		8.50			7.42	15.92
Masonboro	R J. Padrick	Wilmington	Relma Orrell	Wilmington	1	7	50	57	35	12	4	50.00	125.00	18.00	40.00	233.00
Moore's Creek	Clyde Moore	Currie	Mrs. T.H. Nunalee	Currie	1	5	84	89	50	12		4.00		10.00		14.00
Mount Holly	J. B. Johnson	Watha	T. J. Bowen	Watha	1	6	36	42	15	12		4.25		10.41		14.66
Olivett	A. S. Lanier	Rocky Point	L. L. Webb	Rocky Point	1	5	20	25	13	12						
Providence	G. S. Gray	Holly Ridge	Mrs. G. S. Gray	Holly Ridge	1	6	27	33	14	12	4	10.37				10.37
Riley's Creek	J. E. Taylor	Rocky Point	Carey Lewis	Rocky Point	1	4	36	40	23	12		30.00		10.00		40.00
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	R. L. Hocutt	Ashton	1	7	55	62	20	12		10.27				10.27
Salem	J. R. Robinson	Sneads Ferry	Vance Piner	Sneed's Ferry	1	6	110	116	30	12		22.35	1.14	121.04		144.53
Seagate	L. T. Rogers	Seagate	S A. Miller, Jr.	Seagate	1	8	100	108	55	12	13	37.96	15.72	36.93		90.61
Shiloh	A. B. Herring	Watha	Eloise Wills	Ivanhoe	1	7	65	72	40	12	8	16.00				16.00
Teacheys	J. D. Teachey	Teachey	Miss Jennie Ward	Teachey	1	8	72	80	40	12	6	17.85				17.85
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	A Dempsey	Wallace	1	12	130	142		12	4	99.49	90.00	132.00	69.43	390.92
Watha	B. R. Brinkley	Watha	Mrs. J. H. McGowen	Watha	1	8	70	78	20	12	7	14.70	9.86			24.56
Wells Chapel	Ben Newkirk	Willard	J. R. Moore	Willard	1	8	89	98	60	12		16.00		14.47		30.47
Willard	R. W. Southerland	Willard	Willie Murray	Willard	1	6	60	66	40	12	2	15.00				15.00
Wilmington, First	D. H. Wilcox	Wilmington	Edgar Child	Wilmington	1	65	850	915		12	26	512.79	366.29	478.89		1357.97
Wilmington, Southside	G. P. Holden	Wilmington	W. S. Mintz	Wilmington	1	29	316	345	174	12	38	95.38	215.29	170.54	116.60	597.81
Wilmington, Calvary	J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	1	22	225	247	143	12	13	189.29	78.85	446.45		714.59
Winter Park	W. O. Page	Wilmington	C. S. Lewis	Wilmington	1	10	159	169		12	2	78.16	33.00	175.64	139.15	425.95
Wrightsboro	Raymond Rodgers	Wilmington, R-1	Mrs. M. Horne	Wilmington, R. 1	1	9	65	74	35	12		33.06		12.10	2.00	47.16
Total					37	372	3778	4151	1385		155	1632.40	1144 64	2039.67	408.96	5219.67

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	POST OFFICE	No. Members	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	Church Building.	Training School.	Christian Education.	Orphanage.	Margaret Fund.	Other Objects.	Total.
Woman's Miss. Society.													
Atkinson	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson	20		$ 8.00	$ 5.40	$ 1.00	$ 2.40	$ 3.00			$1.10	$ 20.90
Bethlehem	Mrs. B. F. Keith	Currie	21	$ 3.75	5.15	6.90	3.00	1.45	10.00		2.00	.30	32.55
Burgaw	Mrs. W. C. Dicksey	Burgaw	31	15.85		22.70	19.70	12.25					70.50
Canetuck	Mrs. C. N. Moore	Currie	23	12.00	5.00	12.50	10.00	2.50				1.60	43.60
Centerville	Mrs. L. H. Vollers	Kelly	25	7.50	5.00	7.50							20.00
Emma's Chapel	Mrs. W. E. Taylor	Richlands	13	4.15	4.00	2.00		4.35				.70	15.20
Jacksonville	Mrs. I. M. Henderson	Jacksonville	23		8.00	11.92		2.00	62.62				84.54
Masonboro	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Wilmington	18	8.00	6.00	10.00	3.00	4.08	8.00			2.00	41.08
Mt. Holly	Miss Molly Murray	Watha	16	2.00		2.00		1.40					5.40
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw (Route 1)	12	1.40	1.00	6.00							8.40
Southside	Mrs. J. C Moore	Wilmington	30		25.00	31.80	20.00	10.00	30.00			5.00	121.80
Teacheys	Mrs. D. H. Borey	Teacheys	8	4.35	5.74	5.60		3.50	2.50			.70	22.39
Wallace	Mrs F. P. Powers	Wallace	35	15.80	14.60	20.15		5.00	48.00				103.55
Watha	Mrs. J. H. McGowan	Watha	17		6.16	1.90			2.20				10.26
Wells Chapel	Mrs. O. DeVane	Willard	20	1.80		7.80	5.75	5.75					21.10
Wilmington, First	Mrs. J. R. Hanby	Wilmington	80	349.65	582.76	353.24	99.15	243.60				8.00	1636.40
Willard	Miss Mary L. Powers	Wallace	15	5.00	5.00	4.00	1.00	4.00	3.75			1.00	23.75
Winter Park	Mrs. D. H. Maultsby	Wilmington	28	32.00	47.45	49.68		8.00	104.00			2.50	243.63
Y. W. A.	**LEADER**												
Burgaw—G. A.	Miss Sallie Harrell	Burgaw	8	2.25	1.35	2.63	2.00						8.23
Wallace—G. A.	Mrs. F. Powers	Wallace	18			2.00		.75	2.50				5.25
Wells Chapel					.40								.40
Wilmington, 1st—G. A.	Miss Maie Sanders	Wilmington						.50	1.92				2.42
Wilmington, 1st.	Miss Margaret Garvey	Wilmington	17	26.27	51.18	65.60		67.33					210.35
Winter Park	Miss Lena Middleton	Wilmington	20			16.55		5.00	35.04				56.59
SUNBEAMS	**SUPERINTENDENT**												
Burgaw						3.64							3.64
Canetuck	Miss Cornelia Pridgen	Currie	31	1.00	1.00	1.00		1.00	1.00	3.00	1.00		9.00
Delgado	Mrs. C. B. Newcombe	Wilmington	21	2.00	4.25	3.00		1.00	1.00			.25	11.50
Jacksonville	Mrs. J. R. Greene	Jacksonville	25		1.05	3.15		1 23	2.00				7.43
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw (Route 1)	15	.80									.80
Southside	Mrs. W. G. Hall	Wilmington	25						3.00		1.45		4.45
Wallace	Miss Lois Powell	Wallace	15	1.60		.38							1 98
Watha	Mrs. Annie Price	Watha	20		1.00	.60							1.60
Wells Chapel				.20									.20
Wilmington, 1st.	Miss Arlene Stanland	Wilmington	30	4.91	13.28	11.07		6.31					35.67
Winter Park	Mrs. J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	12	2.10	1.00	3.27	8.00		13.00			.25	27.62
Royal Ambassadors													
Southside	Mrs. E. A. Outlaw	Wilmington	10										
Winter Park		Wilmington	18		2.25		3.00		5.00			.25	10.50
Total			692	504.38	805.69	673.98	175.60	393.40	338.53	3.00	4.45	23.65	2922.68
												For objects other than those listed	21.39
													$2944.07

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Annual Sermon
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington (Calvary)	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.
1916	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	W. G. Hall.
1917	Riverside	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	J. J. Hurt.
1918	Wrightsboro	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	
1919	Bethlehem	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	

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COMMITTEES

Executive Committee:

D. L. Gore,	R. P. Hinton,	J. H. Powers,
W. R. Harrell,	W. G. Hall,	J. A. Sullivan.

Program Committee:

J. A. Sullivan,	L. W. Moore,	Odis B. Hinnant.

Standing Committees:

Orphanage	R. J. Hall.
Minister's Relief	J. R. Green.
Temperance	E. L. Weston.
Sunday Schools	D. H. Wilcox.
Christian Education	J. A. Sullivan.
B. Y. P. U.	G. E. Leftwich.
State Missions	J. J. Hurt.
Home Missions	J. D. Hocutt.
Foreign Missions	J. H. Powers.
Biblical Recorder	F. P. Powers.
Woman's Work	W. O. Page.

Ministerial Register:

Atkinson, L. J.	Newbern, N. C.
Barnes, W. H.	Clinton, N. C.
Biddle, J. T.	Wilmington, N. C.
Booth, J. H.	Rose Hill, N. C.
Bryant, K. E.	Abbottsburg, N. C.
Carter, A. D.	Garlard, N. C.
Dobson, J. H.	Atkinson, N. C.
Fetterolf, Samuel H.	Kelly, N. C.
Goodrich, A. L.	Wake Forest, N. C.
Green, J. R.	Jacksonville, N. C.
Hall, W. G.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hall, R. J.	Wilmington, N. C.
Hocutt, J. D	Ashton, N. C.
Hurt, John Jeter	Wilmington, N. C.
Johnson, W. R.	Wilmington, N. C.
Lanier, Hardy	Wilmington, N. C.
Powers, J. H.	Burgaw, N. C.
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Weston, E. L.	Atkinson, N. C.
Wilson, S. B.	Delway, N. C.

SUGGESTED ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

TUESDAY.

10:00 A. M.	Devotional.
	Roll Call.
	Election of Officers.
10:30	Woman's Missionary Union.
11:00	Biblical Recorder.
11:30	Introductory Sermon.
2:00 P. M.	Devotional.
2:15	State, Home and Foreign Missions.
7:30	Evangelistic Service.

WEDNESDAY.

9:30 A. M.	Devotional.
9:45	B. Y. P. U.
10:15	Sunday Schools.
10:45	Christian Education.
11:15	Orphanage.
11:45	Ministerial Relief.
2:00 P. M.	Devotional.
2:15	All Committee Reports.
2:45	Temperance.
3:15	Miscellaneous Business.

J. A. SULLIVAN,
L. W. MOORE,
ODIS B. HINNANT,
Program Committee.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been led, as we believe, by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus as our Savior, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, we do now, in the presence of God and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into this Covenant with one another as one body in Christ. We engage, therefore by aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations. We also engage to maintain family and secret devotion, to religiously educate our children, to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, back-biting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our efforts to advance the Kingdom of our Savior.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love, to remember each other in prayer, to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech, to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Savior, to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this Covenant and principles of God's Word.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be denominated and known as the Wilmington Baptist Association.

Art. 2. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of Christ's Kingdom among men; and means of accomplishing this shall be in strict conformity with the New Testament.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of all ordained ministers who are members or pastors of churches of this body, and three delegates from each church chosen from her membership assembled in conference.

Art. 4. The delegates from each church shall bear a letter certifying their appointment, and communicating information relative to the state of the church. Provided, however, that when any church has prepared a letter and, through inadvertence, the letter fails to be presented, her delegates may be received without its presentation.

Art. 5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually from among its members, by ballot, by majority of its members voting, and continue in office until their successors are elected. No officer shall be elected to office for more than four consuective years.

Art. 6. It shall be the business of the Moderator to enforce an observance of the Constitution, preserve order, appoint committees, decide all questions of order, give his opinion on any question under discussion after others have spoken, and give the casting vote in case of a tie.

Art. 7. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to record the proceedings of each annual session, and superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes among the churches.

Art. 8. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds sent up by the churches, or collected during the session of this body, and distribute the same as ordered by this Association. He shall also make to the Association an annual report of the condition of the treasury.

Art. 9. The Association shall appoint an Executive Committee of six members who shall co-operate with the State Board, so far as practicable, in mission work within our bounds, and during the intervals between the sessions of this body take such steps as they may deem advisable for the advancement of the same, making annual report of their work to the Association. Further, That our missionaries shall report their work quarterly to the Executive Committee, in order that said committee shall be prepared to make full report of their work to the body.

Art. 10. The Committee on Permanent Work of this Association shall be appointed to report at the succeeding sessions of the Association.

Art. 11. The Association shall not maintain fellowship with any of the churches which neglect to observe Gospel order.

Art. 12. The Association may invite visiting and corresponding brethren to seats, and extend to them the privileges of the body, except that of voting.

Art. 13. The annual session of the Association shall commence on Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, at such place as may be chosen.

Art. 14. By appointment of the Association there shall be an Introductory Sermon of denominational character, and a Missionary sermon.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual session by vote of two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER

1. On the meeting of the Association, the Moderator of the preceding session shall preside until his successor is known. In case of his absence the Vice-Moderator shall preside.

2. Each session of the Association shall be opened with religious exercises, to be conducted by whomsoever the presiding officer may name.

3. At each daily session and previous to proceeding to business, the names of the delegates shall be called, and the minutes of the preceding daily session read.

4. The members shall observe towards the officers and each other that courtesy which becomes Christians.

5. Any member wishing to speak shall rise and address the presiding officer. He shall confine himself strictly to the question under consideration, and avoid all personalities.

6. No member shall speak more than twice on the same question without permission.

7. All motions seconded shall be definitely stated by the presiding officer before discussion.

8. No motion shall be withdrawn after discussion.

9. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend, to commit, to postpone to a definite time, which several motions shall have preference in the order in which they come.

10. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the majority may move a reconsideration.

11. All questions except such as relate to the Constitution shall be decided by a majority of votes.

12. The Association shall have the right to decide what subjects shall be admitted to consideration.

13. The Rules of Order may be altered or amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

MINUTES

—OF THE—

Twentieth Annual Session

—OF THE—

Wilmington Baptist Association

October 19 and 20, 1920.

Teacheys Baptist Church,
October 19, 1920.

The Wilmington Baptist Association convened with the Teacheys Baptist Church, Tuesday morning, October 19, at 10 o'clock.

Devotional services were conducted by S. B. Wilson.

The following order of business was recommended by the Program Committee:

WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

TUESDAY.

10:00 A. M.
1. Devoti nal.
2. Organization.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Sunday School Work.

2:00 P. M.
1. Devotional.
2. Report on all 75-Million Objects.
3. General.

WEDNESDAY.

9:30 A. M.
1. Devotional.
2. Our Mission Work.
3. General Discussion.

2:00 P. M.
1. Devotional.
2. Reports on Temperance, Sunday School, Biblical Recorder and B. Y. P. U.
3. Miscellaneous.

JOHN JETER HURT,
JOHN A. SULLIVAN,
F. P. POWERS,
Committee.

A roll call of the churches showed a representation from twenty at the opening session.

The complete roll of representation during the entire session follows:

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Atkinson—G. W. Smith, W. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. H. Lewis.
Barlow's Chapel—J. R. Green.
Bear Branch—Letter.
Bethlehem—Letter.
Burgaw—C. E. McCullen, D. H. Marshburn, H. I. Bowen.
Canetuck—Letter.
Cape Fear—
Caswell—Letter.
Centerville—Letter.
Delgado—D. J. Bryant, W. R. Johnson, W. B. Simmons.
Harmony—Letter.
Haw Bluff—Mrs. J. R. Barnhill.
Ivanhoe—S. B. Wilson.
Jacksonville—J. R. Green, Mrs. J. R. Green, A. G. Walton, Guy Lockamy, Mrs. Sarah Johnson, Mrs. Henrietta Jarman.
Long Creek—M. L. Moore, L. S. Croom.
Maple Hill—Letter.
Masonboro—R. J. Padrick.
Moores Creek—
Mount Holly—A. W. Wheeler, Bruce Murray.
Olivett—
Providence—Letter.
Riley's Creek—D. E. Rivenbark, J. D. Marn, C. L. Wilson.
Riverside—R. R. Batson, A. A. McClendon, E. T. Batson.
Salem—Woody Shepherd, W. M. Shepherd, Mrs. L. D. Bryant, Mrs. A. L. Grant.
Seagate—J. C. Oldham, G. C. Baltzegar, L. Larkins, A. S. Lewis.
Shiloh—Letter.
Teacheys—E. H. Pigford, O. T. Teachey, J. J. Cottle.
Wallace—F. P. Powers.
Watha—B. S. Brinkley, A. T. Ruth, H. M. Burnett.
Wells Chapel—J. W. Knowles.
Willard—E. F. English, E. P. Matthews, R. W. Southerland.
Wilmington, First—D. H. Wilcox, D. L. Gore, L. W. Moore.
Wilmington, Southside—W. G. Hall, Y. C. Rich, E. R. Rhue, H. J. McRae.
Wilmington, Calvary—O. B. Hinnant, J. W. Hollis, C. Y. DeVaun, C. S. Britt, J. A. Sullivan, Mrs. J. A. Sullivan.
Winter Park—Mrs. R. W. Mason, W. O. Page, Mrs. W. O. Page.
Wrightsboro—W. L. Moore, Mrs. W. L. Moore, Mrs. Emma Horne, Mrs. F. J. Dempsey.

The following officers were elected: Moderator, W. G. Hall; Vice-Moderator, F. P. Powers; Treasurer, D. H.

Wilcox; Clerk, J. W. Hollis; Statistical Clerk, C. Y. DeVaun.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Mr. O. B. Hinnant, City Boys' Work Secretary, Young Men's Christian Association, Wilmington. Subject, "Our Task as Baptists."

E. L. Middleton, State Sunday School Secretary, and W. R. Beach, representing the *Biblical Recorder*, were recognized and welcomed.

F. P. Powers offered report on Sunday Schools, which was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF WILMINGTON ASSOCIATION.

There was never a time when we needed to emphasize the work of every religious agency so much as now. Our Sunday School work has such large possibilities in winning the lost to Christ and training the saved for efficient service that we cannot afford to treat them lightly.

Southern Baptists have undertaken a great Sunday School program. As one of the features of the 75 Million Campaign, our Sunday School Board, with the Campaign workers, have outlined for us a great challenging task, therefore, we, in our Association, commit ourselves to the following policies for next year and the years following:

1. **Enlargement.** There are at least 500,000 people in North Carolina unreached by any Sunday School, for whom white Baptists are responsible, if we do only our proportionate part of reaching the unreached. We commend the religious census as the best way of performing this task effectively.

2. **Adequate Organization and Equipment** are necessary if we are going to properly take care of these people and those already enrolled. This means that our workers must learn how to group, or grade, our pupils into the right kind of classes and departments. Then again, we must not forget the physical equipment that will at least meet minimum educational standards. We must provide class rooms, suitable seats, maps, blackboards, etc.

3. **Teacher Training** is a basal necessity in such an hour as this. Our Sunday School Board is urging our people to so press this work that by 1924 we shall have 150,000 people holding the normal diploma. This means a great forward movement in our work. We urge the heartiest cooperation on the part of our pastors, officers and teachers.

4. **Organized Classes** are the most effective organizations for reaching, training and using the men and women of our churches and congre-

gations. No other plan has succeeded so well as this. Our Board is urging the registration in its "Organized Class Department" of at least 35,000 classes. This would mean a co-operative effort of over a million men and women inour Sunday Schools. We commend the "Organized Class Magazine" tas he best periodical available for the officers of these classes.

5. Evangelism should be the main objective in the work of every Sunday School. Every year in our Baptist constituency at least 20,000 children reach the years of accountability. This does not include thousands and tens of thousands of larger boys and girls and men and women who are not saved, and yet who must be reached by us if they are ever reached for the kingdom. We commend a study of the book, "Winning to Christ," by all of our Sunday School workers.

6. Co-Operation with the Sunday School Department of the State Mission Board is our duty. This Department stands ready at all times to send helpful tracts on practically every phase of Sunday School work. These are absolutely free, and can be secured from Secretary E. L. Middleton, Raleigh, N. C. He will also aid in every possible way in providing Training Schools and Institutes for groups of churches in cities, towns or country. He urges inquiry from every one who has an unsolved Sunday School problem.

Respectfully submitted,
F. P. POWERS.

This report was discussed by F. P. Powers and E. L. Middleton.

The Moderator announced the following committees:

Finance—A. G. Walton, W. R. Harrell and Y. C. Rich.

Place and Preacher—D. H. Wilcox, F. P. Powers and S. B. Wilson.

The Association adjourned with prayer by J. D. Hocutt.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock.

After singing, prayer was offered by D. H. Wilcox.

On motion, made and carried, it was ordered that the Clerk be paid $50.00 for his services.

L. W. Moore offered the following resolution:

In view of the need of greater enlistment and evangelization of the territory served by the Wilmington Association and the great neglect of vast territory that is not now covered, I hereby move that the Executive committee, with power to act, be appointed by the Chair to work out

ways and means for the establishment of more thorough work in our Association, and the employment of a whole time Secretary, or any other name that appeals to the committee; to thoroughly organize said Association, and carry out the recommendations adopted at the annual sessions.

After general discussion, the resolution was adopted with recommendation that L. W. Moore and Odis B. Hinnant be appointed to act with the Executive Committee.

The Moderator reported that after adjournment of the Nineteenth Annual Session the Executive Committee authorized the Clerk to grant a letter of dismission to the Emma's Chapel Church to unite with the Neuse-Atlantic Association.

On motion, made and carried, the action of the Executive Committee was sustained.

The Moderator announced the Committee to Nominate the Executive Committee: W. O. Page, N. H. Carter and J. D. Hocutt.

It was ordered that the apportionments and subscriptions to the 75 Million Campaign Fund be furnished by the Associational Director, to be included in the Minutes.

FINAL REPORT OF THE CHURCHES

In the 75-Million Campaign in the Wilmington Association.

Churches	Amount Asked For.	Amount Pledged.
Atkinson	$ 2,500	$ 3,943.20
Barlow's Chapel	1,000	1,712.45
Bear Branch	500	540.00
Bethlehem	2,500	3,650.00
Burgaw	5,000	8,615.00
Canetuck	3,000	2,895.00
Cape Fear	250	Refused to Pledge.
Caswell	600	755.00
Centerville	2,500	7,191.50
Delgado	500	500.00
Harmony	750	419.50
Haw Bluff	750	----------
Ivanhoe	1,000	----------
Jacksonville	4,000	5,376.00
Long Creek	800	1,089.25
Maple Hill	750	913.00
Masonboro	1,000	3,454.00
Moores Creek	500	500.00
Mount Holly	600	764.50
Olivet	250	149.00
Riley's Creek	1,500	1,500.00
Providence	200	No Report
Riverside	2,000	2,525.00
Salem	1,000	1,217.50
Sea Gate	750	1,324.00
Shiloh	2,000	1,487.00
Teachey's	2,000	3,049.50
Wallace	6,000	11,601.00
Watha	500	500.55
Wells Chapel	2,000	3,049.75
Willlard	1,500	1,640.00
Wilmington—First	60,000	75,700.00
Wilmington—Southside	20,000	28,016.00
Wilmington—Calvary	20,000	32,290.00
Winter Park	2,000	2,246.35
Wrightsboro	1,000	2,679.00

W. G. HALL,
Director.

J. R. Green offered the following report on the Orphanage, which was adopted:

ORPHANAGE.

On November 11th, 1885, the first child was received. The last one enrolled this year runs the number up to 2,000.

Children are received between the ages of two and twelve, and dismissed according to preparation rather than age.

The expense bill averages over $200.00 a day:—two barrels of flour a day, three or four bushels of meal, a whole beef, when used all around, ten bushels of sweet potatoes, when potatoes are used, and other things accordingly.

The dining room and kitchen are managed by two ladies and about forty-five girls. In addition to the wholesale cooking in the big kitchen, we have work in Domestic Science, and thus cooking is placed among the fine arts.

The laundry force consists of about forty girls, twenty of these on duty in the forenoon and twenty in the afternoon.

The sewing room uses about twenty girls in the morning and a like number in the afternoon. They learn to make their own clothes.

About 600 pairs of shoes are turned out from the shoe shop annually. Each shoe goes back to the shop for repairs three times on an average, during its earthly existence.

One hundred and seventy-five acres of the farm are in cultivation. The boys do a large part of the work. Two colored men do the very heavy work. The boys run the mower, disc plow, disc harrow, tractors and, at times, as many as fifty are handling hoes.

The herd of Holstein cattle numbers about 35 milk cows, with a growing number of young heifers coming on. Daily milking amounts to 100 gallons. The cows are tested regularly for tuberculosis.

Forty-three women and twelve men devote all their time to the institution.

The school work is on the graded system and embraces ten grades. A business course has been introduced. The children go to school half the day and work the other half. Special effort is made to cultivate the finer tastes in the children; drawing, fancy needlework, cultivation of flowers of their own and music.

The library has been supplied with some of the best books for young people, and a number of the best papers and magazines.

Little parties and receptions are given for the boys and girls where they mingle in play, sing and recite, and have some simple refreshments. This is under the direction of the teachers.

The Kennedy Home is situated in Lenoir County, six miles from Kinston. Three dormitories have been built there, and 88 children occupy them.

During the lifetime of Mr. Kennedy the Orphanage pays a rental of $2,000.00 for the farm. After paying this rent the profit of the past year was above $5,000.00.

The cost of maintaining an average of 512 children for the year ending June 1st, 1920, was as follows:

Groceries	$ 36,751.87
Dry Goods	7,540.02
Fuel	4,502.11
Salaries	23,536.26
Shoe Shop Account	5,101.96
Laundry	3,145.31
Postage	387.52
Infirmary Expenses	2,072.33
Household Furnishings	3,751.99

School	2,260.66
Electric Lights, Power and Repairs	1,370.38
Poultry Expenses	684.11
Phone Rent and Telegrams	283.55
Traveling Expenses	491.77
Farm Expenses	8,698.33
Dairy Expenses	12,731.53
Insurance	591.53
Inventory Dry Goods June, 1919	1,395.82
Inventory Groceries June, 1919	3,363.28
Inventory Fuel and School Supplies June, 1919	950.00
Contributions in kind and Clothing	2,527.48
Total	$122,137.81

Number of children at Thomasville	440
Number of Children at Kennedy Home	88
Total	528

Daily cost for support of each child	$ .55
Annual cost per child	197.14
Daily cost for support of 528 children	290.40
Farm products made and consumed	9,457.95
Dairy products made and consumed	21,565.59
Number application for year	667
Number received	69
Profit Kennedy Home Farm	5,065.63
Profit Charity & Children	7,910.01

What becomes of our children? They are not placed out in homes. Those desiring children want the brightest and want them for servants, and soon the institution would be robbed of its best, the ones giving inspiration and tone to the body.

We keep them through the grades, give them a varied and definite training, thus equipping them for life. We aid them in securing positions for further education or for work, they assuming obligations and receiving wages, thus taking their places along with the rank and file of the world's busy workers.

Let us continued our contributions to this worthy institution as heretofore through the regular church and Sunday School offerings and a splendid thank offering at Thanksgiving.

J. R. GREENE.

J. A. Sullivan, for J. W. Hollis, offered the Report on Ministerial Relief, which was adopted.

MINISTERIAL RELIEF.

It will be a great step toward looking after our aged Baptist ministers, when the $5,000,000, the amount allotted the aged ministers fund from the 75 Million Fund is collected. This will enable ministers to purchase an annuity of $500 at one-fifth of what it would cost him in the regular insurance companies. This annuity at present will give an aged minister $100 per year, and this amount will be increased as the fund receives its

portion of the 75 Million Fund. There is a provision made whereby aged ministers who have not become members of the annuity plan may yet receive help as their circumstances demand.

Since our ministers receive rather meager salaries, and because of the nature of their calling, will not be expected to accumulate any considerable amount against the "rainy day," even if they could do so, it is of utmost importance that we urge the churches not to neglect their part in this important enterprise. May the day soon come when we can know that our aged ministers will be suitably cared for.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HOLLIS.

J. H. Powers offered the Report on State Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The open fields and the responsive spirit of our people, give to the different department of our Board's work, a rare opportunity to make progress in disseminating truth among the unsaved and in developing the spiritual life of the members of our churches.

State Missions is the department of our denominational work which aims to plant Baptist churches and Sunday Schools in all of our cities and towns and rural communities where the Lord's truths should be preached, and to co-operate with the weak churches in maintaining pastors until they shall become real factors in the kingdom of God. Our State Mission work is under the direction of a Board of Missions composed of 21 members appointed each year by the Baptist State Convention and 65 Associational members appointed by the Baptist Associations of the State.

The State Board of Missions has seven departments of work:

1. **Evangelism.**—We had working in this department last year 159 men, and there were 1,621 conversions and 1,004 baptisms, and there were 261 churches served by this department.

2. **Church Building.**—Where the gospel draws the people together for fellowship and worship and work in any community a house becomes necessary.

Our Board of Missions in a limited way, is helping weak mission churches to erect houses of worship. Last year we spent in this department of our work, $7,500.00.

3. **Colportage.**—This is a department of our work started last year. Seven men have worked in this department a part of the year. It is the aim of the Board to employ men who will work in the capacity of both missionary and colporteur. For the work as missionary a salary is paid; for the work as colporteur a commission is allowed, and all colporteurs are bonded. There are three lines along which we are going to work:

1.—Selling good books.

2.—Distributing free tracts and literature.

3.—Enlarging the circulation of the *Biblical Recorder*.

4.—**Mobile School**. We Baptists have made the expensive error of depending on the reports and speakers of our Associations and Conventions to push forward the Lord's work.

We need to follow the line of intensive work in small groups; this was the method of Jesus.

5. Woman's Missionary Union.—It has been thirty-three years since the Woman's Missionary Union made its first report to our Convention. Year by year it has grown, until last year it gave $63,101.97 to all objects.

6. B. Y. P. U.—Its aim is that of developing the young men and women, boys and girls of our churches for greater things for the Lord.

7. Sunday Schools.—Sunday School missions stand for more Sunday Schools. The work is conducted through Secretary E. L. Middleton. Training schools and institutes are held, Associations and churches are visited, new Sunday Schools are organized, and a campaign of education through free tracts is conducted. Let us redouble our efforts and multiply our gifts, and plead with God until through our great State mission organization the lost souls of our grand old State shall be brought to Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. POWERS,

Committee.

C. E. McCullen, for E. L. Weston, offered Report on Christian Education, which was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

In submitting this annual report on education I beg to say that we have in North Carolina, owned and controlled by North Carolina Baptists, Wake Forest College for men, Wake Forest; Meredith College for women, Raleigh, and Chowan College for women, at Murfreesboro.

Their enrollments last year were as follows: Wake Forest, 507, including 94 ministerial students; Meredith, 491, including 5 volunteer students for foreign mission work; and Chowan, 97. The high schools, including three not now a part of our system, enrolled 87 ministerial students and student volunteers. Of the three high schools mentioned as having fallen out of our Baptist system, two had to be dropped for lack of means with which to maintain them, and one was dropped partly because it was so near to another Baptist high school, partly because it seemed to be in the bounds of the Home Board's territory, and partly for lack of means. The figures do not cover the enrollment of the eight high schools maintained by the Home Mission Board, whose enrollment numbered 2,155 students.

The property value of these institutions, including equipment and endowments, amounts to $1,996,822.38, according to last year's appraisement. The value of these schools to the denomination and to the kingdom appears from the fact that, taking the country over and including all

denominations, 91 in every 100 of our ministers are trained in denominational colleges, 5 in State colleges, and 4 in no colleges. Also in the fact that 85 out of every 100 missionaries are trained in our denominational colleges, 9 in our State colleges, and 4 in no college.

Many of our leading laymen in the State and church were trained for their work in our Christian schools. This list includes Congressmen, Governors and Supreme Court Judges. Seventeen of the nineteen Presidents who had college training at all, were educated in Christian schools. A large per cent of our capable church workers are the product of these schools.

In spite of the great mission of these schools, they have been left in more or less danger of dying. But we are now waking up, in a measure, so that if we raise in North Carolina $6,000,000 from our 75 Million Campaign, we shall have $1,669,000 to divide among our colleges and high schools. These schools have run down so low that this large amount will hardly lift them up to the standard of our State schools, and the schools of other denominations in their financial equipments. However, the contributions on the 75 Million Fund, and especially the amounts designated to education, have been so encouraging, that our people seem at last to be waking up to the importance of these schools.

Our total collections on the 75 Million Dollar Fund to October 6th amounted to about $1,100,000, and to make up one-fifth of our $7,200,000 pledge we shall have to raise $300,000 more by the first of November, or about $180,000 more to make one-fifth of the $600,000 set for us.

We would like to earnestly beg every church member in the Wilmington Association to pay promptly their first year's pledge by November 1st in spite of the hard times.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. WESTON.

On Wednesday, W. J. Swain offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Eastern Association has adopted resolutions pertaining to Dell School, therefore be it

Resolved,: 1. That it is the sense of this Association that the trustees of Dell School should take immediate steps to insure the necessary repairs to the property of the school, and the erection of a dormitory for girls.

2. That laboratory equipment necessary to a proper instruction of general science and physics be arranged for.

3. That the trustees take under advisement the addition of domestic science and agriculture to the curriculum of the school.

4. That we pledge to Dell School our loyal sympathy and support, and we emphatically declare Dell School to be our school—"And it must live."

The Moderator announced that letters requesting aid

of the State Mission Board must follow a prescribed form and that he had a supply of such forms.

The Moderator suggested that the churches double the amount heretofore contributed by them for Minutes.

D. H. Wilcox offered the Report of the Treasurer, which was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 1, 1920.

Total receipts from all sources	$214.68
Disbursements	194.38
Balance in Bank	$ 20.30

Detailed Disbursements.

Walters Durham, Treasurer, 75-Million Fund	$113.83
Rev. J. A. Sullivan, Expenses	5.30
Jackson & Bell, printing Minutes	75.25
Total	$194.38

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. WILCOX,
Treasurer.

The Association adjourned with prayer by S. B. Wilson.

WEDNESDAY.

The Association began its morning meeting at 10 o'clock.

After song service, prayer was offered by W. G. Hall,

The minutes of Tuesday's session were approved.

D. H. Wilcox, for J. J. Hurt, offered Report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of Foreign Missions looms larger on the Baptist horizon today than at any period of our history. We have been believers all along. We are now reaching out along the lines of our heavenly vision to do the things we always believed in.

It is a pitiable commentary on the history of Christianity that, after nearly two thousand years of history, even now a large part of the world has not heard that there be a Jesus. Few of us can doubt that, if the churches of Christ had been alive to their God-inspired task through the years, there would not have been a world war.

But there are signs of awakening everywhere. Money raised for

Foreign Missions in the 75 Million Campaign did not give our Board one-fourth enough to meet the pressing needs—but it does enable the Board to enlarge its work, and even take up some new work. The one matter of vital importance for us now is to pay up promptly the money which we have pledged on the campaign fund.

Since the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in May the Board has sent to foreign lands sixty-eight new missionaries. These have already reached foreign shores safely, according to a cablegram just received. At a meeting of Baptists in London in July there were representatives from England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Czecho-Slovakia, Denmark, Isthonia, Hungary, Italy, Germany, Holland, France, Spain and other lands. Drs. Geo. W. Truett, J. F. Love, J. B. Gambrell and E. Y. Mullins represented Southern Baptists. Southern Baptists were asked to open up work in Spain, Italy, Jugo-Slavia, Hungary, Roumania, The Ukraine, and a portion of Russia. Our Board has voted to enter these promising doors.

The future for us is as bright as the promises of God.

Fraternally,

JOHN JETER HURT,

Committee.

W. G. Hall, for J. A. Sullivan, offered Report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When we formerly heard the term, "Home Missions," we were accustomed to think of preaching the Gospel to our next door neighbors. But this term has grown far beyond that, until now the work of our Home Mission Board has become complex and far-reaching. Under the direction of this Board, "co-operative" mission work is conducted in connection with the work of the State Boards. There are also departments of Evangelism, Enlistment, Church Extension, Publicity, Mountain Schools, Cuba and Panama, Foreigners, Indians and Negroes.

To give an idea of the great work being done by this Board, below is given a summary of a year's work, taken from this year's State Convention minutes:

Number of workers in all departments	1,498
Weeks of labor	48,746
Churches and stations supplied	5,106
Sermons and addresses	148,298
Number of Mountain Schools	36
Number of pupils	5,190
Ministerial students	110
Religious visits	302,420
Pastoral fields developed	92
Associational campaigns	28
Personal workers' conferences	537
Baptisms	30,982

Received by letter and otherwise	20,567
Total additions to churches	51,949
Volunteers for ministry and missions	1,095
Churches constituted	213
Houses of worship built and improved	505
Sunday Schools organized	634
Bible conferences held	2,182
Bibles and Testaments distributed	50,380

Surely we do well to support a Board engaged in such a work. And we are promised more if we will place the means at the disposal of the Board. Perhaps the greatest and most urgent work being done now, is in the centers of population. With the apparent laxity of conduct and the lowering of the moral standard among our young people, we cannot emphasize too strongly the work of every agency intended to combat this condition. Such our Home Mission Board is endeavoring to do.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. SULLIVAN.

H. L. Swain, J. M. Alderman, from Dell School; Theo. B. Davis, Superintendent of Kennedy Home, and Walter N. Johnson, of Raleigh, were recognized and welcomed.

The Association listened to addresses by J. H. Powers on State Missions; H. L. Swain, Christian Education; Theo. B. Davis, Orphanage, and Walter N. Johnson, Stewardship.

The Association adjourned with prayer by F. P. Powers.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

The Association reconvened at 2 o'clock.

After song service, J. D. Hocutt led in prayer.

The Moderator announced the Standing Committees and Program Committee for next year. (See page 3.)

Motion was made and carried to reconsider the Report on Christian Education. The following resolution was offered by W. J. Swain, and the report, as amended, was adopted. (See page 17.)

The Committee on Nominating the Executive Committee reported as follows:

Your committee to nominate the Executive Committee for the next

year, beg leave to submit the following: D. L. Gore, W. R. Harrell, R. P. Hinton, W. G. Hall, J. H. Powers, J. A. Sullivan.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. PAGE,
For the Committee.

The Committee on Place and Preacher made the following report, which was adopted:

Meeting of Wilmington Association: Place, Atkinson. Time, Tuesday after the 3rd Sunday in October, 1921.

Preacher—Rev. J. H. Powers.

Alternate—Rev. R. J. Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. WILCOX,
F. P. POWERS,
S. B. WILSON,
Committee.

D. L. Gore offered and discussed the Report on Temperance, which was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We should be temperate in the indulgence of all our appetites and passions. This is the age of indulgence to excess in all kinds of waste and extravagance more than ever known in this country before. Many people eat too much; go to moving pictures and theatres much more than they ought. I believe parents should do all they could to inculcate in their children moderate or temperate views and habits, thus not to have radical or over-bearing views and opinions, but to always have respect for the opinions of others. Be reasonable in all things. I think many people kill themselves from over-eating and drinking spirituous liquors; both bring on disease and both bring on us pain and shorten our lives, and the drinking of spirituous liquors makes drunkards of us, which causes us to waste our property, sets a bad example before others—ruins us in every way, if used to excess. If used at all, the habit is apt to grow on us and wreck our lives in every way. Have moderate views on all subjects. When arguing, don't say "I know," but "it seems to me, or I think thus and so," but do not say it in a commanding way, and we will have more influence in the affairs of the church, as well as in other affairs of life. Not long ago I was riding on a train and, in conversation with a stranger, he said his father held a public office, which kept him away from home most of the time, but his father, when home when the children were all together, he would often say to them: "Be honest and tell the truth, and I will stand by you," and he might have added, "be virtuous, be industrious and saving as well." I heard a man say, who took the census of Brunswick county years ago, who lodged with more or less of the people over night, that men who drank whiskey, they, as a rule, had almost no furniture in the house, very little to eat, and the children badly clothed, but

where they did not drink things looked much better. We should do all we can to wipe out the drink evil. And, while we are doing that, keep our eyes and ears open and do all we can to combat evil of every kind. Don't try not to see evil at all times, but try to know what is going on. I have thought at times that many of our prominent church members tried not to see or know about the sins of their community. Let us all try to do better.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. GORE.

D. H. Wilcox offered and discussed Report on B. Y. P. U., which was adopted.

B. Y. P. U. REPORT.

We are living in a time when the world is undergoing reconstruction, and Christian people are receiving louder calls than they have, perhaps, ever received in all their splendid history. As Christian people we must make such adjustments as may be in keeping with the times.

If we, as Baptist people, hear and answer the many calls of our times, it necessarily follows that we must make full preparation to train our people and especially the young people in such a way as to enable them to do their full share in the great task that now confronts us.

Training is necessary and essential if we are to be prepared. The aim of the B. Y. P. U. is "Training in Church Membership." Many things are included in training the church membership. Spirituality is of the greatest importance because this is the base upon which we must build all preparation for church membership.

We urge, therefore, all those who lead in the B. Y. P. U. work to strive to develop the spirituality of its membership, by making more effective the systematic study of the Bible Readers' Course in the local Unions. It is through prayerful study of the Word of God and in obedience to its commands that we grow in the spiritual life.

As churches we should strive to make it possible for all of our young people to have an active part in B. Y. P. U. work. We now have in North Carolina, according to the latest reports from headquarters in Raleigh, 65 Junior Unions, with a membership of 1,945, and 268 Senior Unions, with a membership of 1,844.

This is the second time in the history of our B. Y. P. U. work that a Union in this Association has ever had the honor of winning the Senior State banner. This honor having come to us through the efforts of the Craig Union of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington. This Union made a percentage of $87\frac{3}{7}$. The State banner for schools and colleges was won by Mars Hill College, with a percentage of 102. For the fourth time in succession the State banner for Junior work was won by the Wadesboro Union, of the First Baptist Church of Wadesboro, with a percentage of $81\frac{1}{2}$.

Perry Morgan is the new secretary of our B. Y. P. U. work in the State. The last Convention met with the First Baptist Church of Durham, June 15th, 16th and 17th. Our next convention will be held in Charlotte, N. C.

God's blessings be upon this great host of our Baptist young people as they strive to train themselves for better service in Christ's kingdom on earth.

Respectfully submitted,

D. H. WILCOX.

W. H. Lewis, for G. E. Leftwich, offered Report on *Biblical Recorder*, which was adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLICAL RECORDER.

For 87 years the *Biblical Recorder* has been the organ of North Carolina Baptists. During all this time it has given its influence to the promotion of every department of denominational work. Its columns are used freely by the servants of the denomination who have charge of our institutions and varied enterprises.

The paper is true to its name. It is biblical in its teachings and records the acts of North Carolina Baptists from week to week. It stands for the truth as Baptists hold and interpret it, and is always ready to go to the defense of our great principles when necessity demands it.

But the *Recorder* is more than a denominational organ. It is a family paper as well. Its columns carry wholesome matter into the family circle. It takes note of current events and publishes a digest of the most important things that occur during the week, News letters from the churches are a very important and helpful feature of the paper, and the news note page gives in pithy paragraphs the doings of our great Baptist family. The last page in the *Recorder* is for the home, and great care is taken in selecting matter for this page.

The *Recorder* is owned by a joint stock company. It was organized, at the request of the convention 20 years ago to own and publish the paper. But while it is under private ownership, a committee of seven appointed by the Convention acts with the seven directors when the election of an editor is necessary. This puts the selection of an editor practically in the hands of the Convention.

The directors found it absolutely necessary to raise the price of the paper on August 1st to $2.50. They regretted very deeply the necessity which forced them to take this step. But the two alternatives were to increase the price or to reduce the size. The *Recorder* was not making expenses at $2.00 per year. Most of the papers raised the price to $2.50 before the *Recorder* took this step. The directors promised sacredly that as soon as conditions warrant them in getting back to the old price they will do so.

The *Recorder* management has made a proposition to the churches

which will make it possible for them to keep the price at $2.00 per year. If a church will put the *Recorder* in three-fourths of the resident families, and send the name of the one in each family to whom the paper is to be sent, together with a check to cover the amount of subscription, the paper will be sent to each individual as at present for $2.00 a year. If a church finds it more convenient to pay in monthly or quarterly installments, the management will accept that method of payment.

A good many churches are putting the *Recorder* in the budget. A collection is taken for the *Recorder* fund just as is done for State missions, or any other object. and the paper is sent to the ones whose names are forwarded. If a church shall adopt the budget plan and see that the *Recorder* goes into 75 per cent of the homes the subscription price will be $2.00.

The *Recorder* is essential to the progress of our work, and it exerts a very wholesome influence in the home. We earnestly urge our churches to accept the liberal offer made by the management and secure the paper at $2.00 per year.

Respectfully submitted,
G. E. LEFTWICH.

This report was discussed by Theo. B. Davis.

The Finance Committee presented their report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The amount received by the Committee from the churches is as follows:

Cash and checks	$125.60
Pledges to be collected by Treasurer	15.00
Total	$140.60

Respectfully submitted,
Y. C. RICH,
W. R. HARRELL,
A. G. WALTON,
Committee.

F. P. Powers was elected a member of the State Mission Board.

D. H. Wilcox was elected a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

C. E. McCullen, L. W. Moore and F. P. Powers were elected as delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

D. H. Wilcox offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the Wilmington Baptist Association express its hearty

appreciation for the splendid manner in which the Teacheys' Church and community has entertained the Association. They are to be commended in that they have not forgotten Paul's injunction, "Given to hospitality."

We, the delegates and visitors to the twentieth annual session of the Wilmington Association, bear witness to, and give thanks to God for, the gracious hospitality shown us by our brethren and sisters of Teacheys.

D. H. WILCOX.

The Association adjourned with prayer by Walter N. Johnson, to meet with the Atkinson Baptist Church, Tuesday after the third Sunday in October, 1921.

J. W. HOLLIS,
Clerk.

W. G. HALL,
Moderator.

Minutes of the Woman's Missionary Union

HELD WITH

Atkinson Baptist Church, September 17th, 1920.

On Thursday evening the Annual Sermon for the Association was preached by the Rev. W. G. Hall.

At 10 o'clock on September 17, 1920, the Tenth Annual Session of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Wilmington Association met with the Atkinson Baptist Church. The Union was presided over by Mrs. R. W. Mason, the Superintendent, and program was as follows:

After an opening song by the body, devotional exercises were held by Mrs. A. G. Walton, of Jacksonville. Mrs. Walton made an impressive talk on "Stewardship," after which there was a sentence prayer, led by Miss Whitney and closed by Mrs. W. H. Grant.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis, of Atkinson, gave to the Union a most gracious welcome, to which was given an enthusiastic response by Mrs. M. A. Fryer, of Wilmington.

After the minutes of last meeting were read, there was a roll call of societies, thirty-five being represented by letter, and nineteen by delegates.

The splendid annual report of the Superintendent showed much good work accomplished during the year.

The Treasurer, Mrs. R. E. Williams, presented her report, in which she itemized amounts paid into the associational expense fund by different societies, altogether amounting to only $181.18, when $300.00 was the amount promised. Mrs. A. S. Holden discussed the report, earnestly pointing out our duty in the matter of coming up to our obligations. There was a general discussion as to the amount, and the manner in which these local expenses shall be raised by Mesdames Fryer, Hanby, Grant, Lewis, Mason and Williams. Finally, on motion, report was adopted.

On motion of Mrs. Dicksey the Superintendent's salary was fixed at $300.00. Superintendent requested the Treasurer to write letters to societies, stating what proportion from each is expected.

Report of Literature Committee presented by Mrs. Maultsby, showed a small increase over last year, in number of religious periodicals taken. Report was accepted.

Report on Personal Service, submitted by Mrs. Addison Hewlett, was adopted.

Mrs. W. C. Dicksey offered Obituary Report, giving the names of seven

of our co-workers who have gone to their final reward since last meeting. Report was accepted.

"Loyalty to Christ" was then sung by all.

As unfinished business the subject of our Training School Fund was taken up, on which there was a general discussion, after which the Superintendent called for pledges, which, together with $51.00 already on hand, should amount to $200.00, sum said to be required for a girl one year at Training School in Louisville.

Those present responded to this request most generously, the amount of $151.00 pledged, making a total of $202.00.

On motion it was decided that henceforth report blanks shall be sent direct to Treasurer of Society.

A letter was read from Mrs. W. N. Jones, insisting that we have a permanent time for our Annual Meeting. After discussion it was decided that this matter be left to Time and Place Committee of present meeting.

A solo, full of inspiration, was sung by Mrs. F. A. Muse.

The Superintendent announced the following committees:

Committee on Nominations—Mrs. A. S. Holden, Mrs. W. G. Hall, Mrs. M. A. Fryer and Mrs. W. B. Muse.

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. W. C. Dicksey, Mrs. J. J. Hanby and Mrs. W. H. Lewis.

Committee on Resolutions—Mrs. B. F. Keith, Mrs. L. J. Meredith and Mrs. J. W. Russ.

An excellent paper, subject, "Reaching the Unenlisted," was read by Mrs. D. H. Boney, also an interesting paper on "Larger Circulation of Mission Magazines and the *Biblical Recorder*," was given by Mrs. J. W. Russ. A short talk on "The Royal Service as a Help," was given by Mrs. H. W. Baucom, of the Johnson Association.

Hymn, "Must We Go In Empty-handed," was sung.

Subject: "Importance of Prayer in Life of Individual and Society," was beautifully expressed in a talk by Mrs. A. W. Campbell.

After a prayer by Mrs. Baucom, Mrs. J. D. Lewis announced that dinner, to which all were invited, would be served on a table at the rear of the church. Union adjourned until afternoon session.

After thoroughly enjoying the good dinner, so heartily and plentifully served, followed by a half hour of social intercourse, the Union was again called to order at 2:30 P. M. After the song, "Lord Plant My Feet on Higher Ground," devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Baucom, 20th chapter of John being read and commented on.

Under the leadership of Miss Clyde Lewis, the little Atkinson Sunbeams gave a most delightful demonstration, followed by a song, "He walks with Me, and He Talks with Me," by little Miss Laura Ketchum, a Sunbeam of Jacksonville.

An impressive talk, subject, "Individual Vision," was given by Mrs. M. A. Fryer.

Solo, "These Are They," was rendered by Mrs. L. J. Meredith, after which Mrs. Baucom, who was present as a substitute for Miss Briggs, spoke interestingly on Sunbeam work in general.

Committee on Time and Place offered the following report:

"That on Thursday night and Friday after the first Sunday in September shall be the permanent time of the convention of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Wilmington Association, and that its next session be held with the Baptist Church at Teachey, N. C."

The report was adopted.

The Nominating Committee recommended the election of officers as follows:

Superintendent—Miss Florence Whitney.
Assistant Superintendent—Mrs. R. W. Mason.
Secretary—Mrs. E. P. Brock.
Assistant Secretary—Mrs. J. D. Lewis.
Treasurer—Mrs. R. E. Williams.
Superintendent Y. W. A.—Miss Mary L. Powers.
Superintendent Sunbeams—Mrs. J. W. Hale.
Chairman Literature Committee—Mrs. D. H. Maultsby.
Chairman Personal Service Committee—Mrs. Addison Hewlett.
Committee of One on Obituaries—Mrs. W. C. Dicksey.

These were elected.

The following Report on Resolutions was offered:

1. That we earnestly desire to express our appreciation to the Atkinson Church for their delightful hospitality.

2. That we wish to thank those who have contributed to our entertainment here in the meeting.

3. That we extend our thanks to Mrs. Mason for her energetic service during the year, also, we feel indebted to Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Maultsby and Mrs. Hewlett.

4. That to our visitor, Mrs. Baucom, we are grateful for her presence and help.

The report was accepted.

The meeting closed with a preayer by Mrs. A. W. Campbell, to meet with the Teachey Church on Thursday night and Friday after the first Sunday in September, 1921.

After adjournment the Atkinson people, whose kindness knows no ending, again called us to the long table, where delicious sandwiches and tea were served.

This very enjoyable session of our Wilmington W. M. U. was well attended not only by ladies of the community, but by many delegates from more distant churches, much interest being manifested in all subjects during the progress of the meeting.

May the blessings of God continue to rest upon our Wilmington Woman's Missionary Union.

MRS. R. W. MASON,
Superintendent.

MRS. ADDISON HEWLETT,
Secretary pro tem.

TABLE I—STATISTICAL.

CHURCH	PASTOR	POSTOFFICE	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	Time of Preaching.	Value of Church Property.	Gains			Losses			Number of Males.	No. of Females	Total Membership.
							By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Exclusion.	By Death.			
Atkinson	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	A. H. Costin	Atkinson	1	$ 2,500.00	6	3		4		3	97	105	202
Barlow's Chapel	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	W. S. Hall	Sloop Point	4	1,000.00	9	1				1	63	77	140
Bear Branch	J. H. Dobson	Atkinson	W. H. Brinson	Currie	2	200.00			2		2		20	19	39
Bethlehem	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	S. E. Pridgen	Currie	3	2,000.00		1	1	11		1	52	58	110
Burgaw	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	W. R. Harrell	Burgaw	1-3	10,000.00	51	25	1	17			76	93	169
Canetuck	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	4	2,500.00				6		1	49	71	120
Cape Fear					2	500.00							13	18	31
Caswell	Hardy Lanier	Wilmington	O. B. Malpass	Currie	4	1,000.00	1			1		1	21	26	47
Centerville	S. H. Fetterolf	Kelly	C. A. Jones	Kelly	Every	4,000.00	18	4		4		1	86	89	175
Delgado	Hardy Lanier	Wilmington	T. F. Johnson	Wilmington	Every	1,500.00		4		3		1	45	60	105
Harmony	A. D. Carter	Garland	J. L. Costin	Ivanhoe	4	600.00				1		1	24	36	60
Haw Bluff	W. H. Barnes	Clinton	Aaron Kelly	Point Caswell	2-4	700.00	6	1	6	3	4		32	52	84
Ivanhoe	S. B. Wilson	Dellway	C. R. Corbett	Ivanhoe	2	1,000.00	10			1		1	29	30	59
Jacksonville	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	I. E. Ketchum	Jacksonville	1-3	6,000.00		3		12		1	24	35	59
Long Creek	W H. Barnes	Clinton	M. L. Moore	Currie	1	2,000.00		4		3		1	30	53	83
Maple Hill	J. H Booth	Rose Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	3	850.00	10			2		1	28	46	74
Masonboro	R. J. Hall	Wilmington	Elijah Walton	Wilmington, R. 2	1-3	3,000.00	5	1		3		1	46	54	100
Moore's Creek					4	800.00							38	40	78
Mount Holly	S. B. Wilson	Dellway	J. B. Johnson	Watha	1	1,000.00	3		1	7			31	35	66
Olivett					3	800.00							10	11	21
Providence	L. J. Atkinson	Newbern	W. S. Hines	Holly Ridge	3	500.00	15			1		2	15	21	36
Riley's Creek	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	D. J. Lewis	Rocky Point	1	800.00	29	2	2	5			49	78	127
Riverside	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	Robt. L. Hocutt	Ashton	1	1,500.00	18	7				1	40	53	93
Salem	J. R. Green	Jacksonville	L. D. Bryan	Sneads Ferry	2	250.00			1	10	1	2	19	53	72
Seagate	K. E. Bryant	Abbottsburg	G. C. Baltzegar	Seagate	2-4	2,500.00	13	6	2	3		1	27	54	81
Shiloh	E. L. Weston	Atkinson	Geo. F. DeVane	Ivanhoe	1	3,000.00				5			52	92	144
Teacheys	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	H. P. Ennis	Teacheys	2-4	4,000.00	10	7		3		2	69	67	136
Wallace	J. H. Powers	Burgaw	A. Dempsey	Wallace	2-4	10,000.00	1	14		7		3	94	94	188
Watha	J. E. Allard	Wilmington	Mrs. J. H. McGowen	Watha	3	1,000.00		3				4	18	24	42
Well's Chapel	J. H. Booth	Rose Hill	R. F. Highsmith	Willard	2	2,500.00	18	5		5		6	95	126	221
Willard	S. B. Wilson	Delway	E. P. Matthews	Willard	4	1,600.00	6			4			60	88	148
Wilmington, First	Jno. Jeter Hurt	Wilmington	W. B. Muse	Wilmington	Every	100,000.00	64	138	7	67	1	13	500	715	1215
Wilmington, Southside	W. G. Hall	Wilmington	Y. C. Rich	Wilmington	Every	45,000.00	53	84		34		6	301	440	741
Wilmington, Calvary	J. A. Sullivan	Wilmington	B. B. Pridgen	Wilmington	Every	42,000.00	46	59	11	40	5	2	307	395	702
Winter Park	R. J. Hall	Wilmington	H. B. Shaw	Wilmington	Every	8,000.00	30	24		7		1	51	75	126
Wrightsboro	R. J. Hall	Wilmington	James Swinson	Wilmington, R. 1	2-4	2,000.00	4	4		2	3		35	39	74
Total						$266,600.00	426	400	34	271	16	58	2546	3422	5968

TABLE II—FINANCIAL.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary.	Building and Repairs.	Incidentals.	S. S. Expenses.	The Poor.	Minute Fund.	Other Objects.	75 Million (Undesignated)	State and Associational Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. S. Missions.	Orphanage.	Christian Education	Minister's Relief.	TOTAL.
Atkinson	$ 300.00	$ 200.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$75.00	$ 4.00		$ 232.48				$ 4.03	$ 4.03			$ 919.54
Barlow's Chapel	200.00		20.35	12.00	8.07	3.00		261.86					34.25			539.53
Bear Branch	40.00					1.00		72.31								113.31
Bethlehem	350.00			16.40	6.57		29.34	663.50	$ 20.65		$ 8.50		11.70			1,106.66
Burgaw	600.00	16.05	51.34	143.24	10.00	405.00		1,791.310				6.25	199.00			3,371.19
Canetuck	250.00			23.98		3.00		640.00	73.91	22.00	15.00		46.25			1,074.14
Cape Fear																296.93
Caswell	131.78		25.66	10.87			1.03	127.59								1,097.21
Centerville	630.54		23.17			2.30		441.20				16.04	56.52			781.83
Delgado	450.00			106.11	10.00	2.00	91.16	50.00								206.27
Harmony	150.00				13.00	60		42.67								897.56
Haw Bluff	400.00	105.00	42.00		5.41		148.40	196.75					20.00	10.00	15.00	256.05
Ivanhoe	143.00			11.28		2.50	4.27		20.00	15.00	15.00		218.62	10.00		2,770.50
Jacksonville	720.00	140.22	865.77	79.33		15.00		705.73	15.83							553.83
Long Creek	136.17	205.06	65.00	5.60		1.00		141.00								400.13
Maple Hill	228.15			13.73		.75	60.00	97.50					75.00			1,116.50
Masonboro	480.00			70.00	7.50	2.00	235.00	235.00	12.00							
Moore's Creek													4.28			333.05
Mount Holly	128.15			4.93	1.00	1.25	39.81	153.63								
Olivett																144.64
Providence	100.74		8.40	9.50		1.00		25.00					40.00			609.70
Riley's Creek	250.00			14.50	40.00	5.20		260.00					34.90			1,041.23
Riverside	200.00	5.76		39.50		4.00	252.07	505.00					119.83			501.70
Salem	183.13	3.60		25.41		5.00	78.15	86.58				62.31	56.71			1,280.30
Seagate	371.12	330.81	39.56	121.00		7.00	52.10	239.69								446.12
Shiloh	200.00			19.00	.12			227.00								1,541.95
Teacheys	300.00			20.23	11.64	5.00	474.01	705.22					25.85			4,269.71
Wallace	783.34	109.97	96.30	88.69	32.00	12.00	510.00	1,634.36	58.73	308.22	384.35		250.15	1.60		232.25
Watha	95.59		14.25	19.88		1.50		101.03								1,349.78
Wells Chapel	456.15			42.00		2.45		753.45					95.73			631.08
Willard	200.00	1.50		14.25		2.65	125.52		58.91	73.45	73.09	11.38	53.00	10.03	7.30	30,519.26
Wilmington—First	5,500.00	6,395.17	2,782.21	1,364.03	371.62	18.00	6,853.94	3,763.75	1,387.46				1,033.08	1,050.00		10,797.43
Wilmington—Southside	3,120.00	2,697.55	603.89	159.24	125.00	13.00	696.95	2,431.66					740.14	210.00		14,776.75
Wilmington—Calvay	2,015.00	5,961.69	1,428.98	100.23	87.15	13.00	1,259.26	3,155.71					601.13	154.60		2,975.37
Winter Park	592.53	1,031.85	428.91	316.67		10.00	88.93	305.83				20.00	180.65			890.15
Wrightsboro	404.33			58.63			133.20	293.99								
Total	20,109.72	17,353.23	6,545.79	2,960.23	794.08	148.20	11,538.14	20,340.80	1,647.49	418.67	495.94	120.01	3,900.82	1,446.23	22.30	87,841.65

TABLE III—SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Church	Superintendent	Post-Office	Secretary	Post Office	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Pupils.	Total Enrollment.	Church Members in Sunday School.	Months Kept Open.	Baptisms from School.	School Expenses.	Missions.	Orphanage.	Other Objects.	Total Contributions.
Atkinson	W. C. Keith	Atkinson	Dr. W. H. Lewis	Atkinson	1	6	74	80	22	12	5	$ 50.00	$ 4.03	$ 4.03		$ 5.06
Barlow's Chapel	J. T. Andrews	Sloop Point	Miss Alice Batson	Sloop Point	2	12	89	101	69	12	5	12.00		34.25		46.25
Bear Branch					1	6	34	40	23	12						
Bethlehem	Z. V. Corbett	Currie	Miss W. M. Pridgen	Currie	1	8	54	62	25	12		16.40			20.99	37.39
Burgaw	W R Harrell	Burgaw	Stacey Bowen	Burgaw	1	14	186	200	75	12	40	143.24	30.50	199.00		372.74
Canetuck	R. D. Pridgen	Currie	S. L. Moore	Currie	1	7	47	54	39	12		23.98				23.98
Cape Fear					1	4	21	28	13	12						
Caswell	O. B. Malpass	Currie	Jeannette Driver	Point Caswell	1	7	26	33	17	12	1	10.87			1.03	11.90
Centerville	L. H. Vollers	Kelly	L. M. Porter	Kelly	1	17	175	192	105	12						
Delgado	Coy Hewett	Wilmington	E. I. Johnson	Wilmington	1	11	125	136	75	12		106.11	16.04	56.52	91.16	269.83
Harmony					1	5	40	45	35	12						
Haw Bluff					1	10	60	70	20	12						
Ivanhoe	C. W. Howell	Ivanhoe	Mrs. W. T. Lyerly	Ivanhoe	1	4	50	54	20	12	10	11.28				11.28
Jacksonville	A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	L. S. Ward	Jacksonville	1	9	80	89	55	12	5	66.33	15.83	218.62	200.00	500.78
Long Creek	O. B. Malpass	Currie			1	5	40	45	23	12		5.60				5.60
Maple Hill	T. M. Batts	Maple Hill	J. R. Marshburn	Maple Hill	1	5	30	35	14	12	5	13.73				13.73
Masonboro	Addision Hewlett	Wilmington, R-2	R. J. Padrick	Wilmington, R.2	1	8	65	73	35	12	5	70.00	12.00		60.00	142.00
Moore's Creek					1	5	84	89	50	12						
Mount Holy	J. B. Johnson	Watha	T. I. Bowen	Watha	1	6	46	52	13	12	1	4.93		4.28		9.21
Olivett					1	5	20	25	13	12						
Providence	W. T. Hines	Holly Ridge	Mrs. W. E. King	Holly Ridge	1	6	51	57	15	12	2	9.50				9.50
Riley's Creek	J. E. Taylor	Rocky Point	Carey Lewis	Rocky Point	1	6	38	44	28	12	16	14.50		40.00		54.50
Riverside	E. T. Batson	Burgaw	Robt. L. Hocutt	Ashton	1	8	52	60	40	12	14	20.00			19.50	39.50
Salem	L. D. Bryan	Snead's Ferry	Vance Piner	Snead's Ferry	1	5	103	108	30	12				42.61		42.61
Seagate	A. S. Lewis	Seagate	Tommy Tart	Seagate	1	10	170	180	71	12	13	121.00	62.31	56.71	103.17	343.19
Shiloh	J. J. Boney	Ivanhoe	Naomi Eakins	Ivanhoe	1	7	82	89	45	12		19.00				19.00
Teacheys	T. R. McMillan	Teacheys	Miss Audrey Powell	Teacheys	1	8	80	88	60	12	6	20.23		5.85	12.00	38.08
Wallace	F. P. Powers	Wallace	A. Dempsey	Wallace	1	11	165	176	60	12	1	88.69	38.10	166.00	111.48	404.27
Watha	B. R. Brinkley	Watha	Mrs. J. H. McGowen	Watha	1	8	53	61	20	12		19.88				19.88
Well's Chapel	W. J. Rooks	Wallace	J. R. Moore	Willard	1	8	89	97	60	12		42.00		15.00		57.00
Willard	R.W Southerland	Willard	Ella McGowen	Willard	1	5	60	65	40	12		14.25				14.25
Wlmington, First	D. H. Wilcox	Wilmington	Edgar Child	Wilmington	1	47	573	620		12		1,364.03	176.19	718.08		2,258.30
Wilmington, Southside	G. P. Holden	Wilmington	L. L. Mills	Wilmington	1	27	437	464	218	12	36	159.24	54.80	352.43	192.01	758.48
Wilmington, Calvary	J. W. Hollis	Wilmington	A. W. Allen	Wilmington	1	20	250	270	161	12	32	100.23		601.13	281.22	982.58
Winter Park	W. O. Page	Wilmington	J. F Walton	Wilmington	1	10	166	176		12		316.67	20.00	180.65		517.32
Wrightsboro	Carl J. Johnson	Wilmington, R 1	Mrs. Bettie Horn	Wilmington, R 1	1	8	110	118	40	12	4	58.63			67.70	126.33
Total					38	348	3828	4176	1629		201	2,902.32	429.80	2,695.16	1,160.26	7,187.54

TABLE IV—WOMAN'S WORK

CHURCH	PRESIDENT	POSTOFFICE	No. Members	75-Million Fund.	State Missiont.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Training School.	Orphanage.	Church Building.	Christian Education.	Minister's Relief.	Other Objects.	Total.
Woman's Miss. Society.														
Atkinson	Mrs. J. D. Lewis	Atkinson	20	$ 137.30	$ 4.00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	$ 3.00	$ 144.30
Barlow's Chapel	Mrs. Lena A. Moore	Vista	24	52.62										52.62
Bethlehem	Mrs. C. N. Moore	Currie	27	77.50	4.00	8.50							4.00	94.00
Burgaw	Mrs. J. T. Bland	Burgaw	25	167.90	18.50								2.00	188.40
Canetuck	Mrs. C. N. Moore	Currie	23	284.72	34.00	15.00	15.00						1.75	350.47
Centerville	Mrs. L. M. Porter	Kelly	25		5.80	26.40								32.20
*Emma's Chapel													5.10	5.10
Jacksonville	Mrs. J. R. Greene	Jacksonville	18	312.10	11.40	20.55								344.05
Masonboro	Mrs. M. F. Beasley	Wilmington, R. 2	20	56.25	9.50	15.00								80.75
Mt. Holly	Miss Elizabeth Johnson	Watha	11	35.90	5.65									41.55
Riverside	Miss Elizabeth Cobb	Burgaw	14	116.74		2.00	8.75							127.49
Seagate	Mrs. A. S. Lewis	Seagate	15	52.62	6.50		20.50							79.62
Southside	Mrs. J. W. Russ	Wilmington	60	722.27	54.65	3.60	2.50		242.84					1,025.86
Teacheys	Mrs. F. Sloan	Teacheys	9	95.00	3.31	6.54	4.45				15.25			124.55
Wallace	Mrs. Jacob Powell	Wallace	35	116.60	17.25	52.35	286.10						4.50	476.80
Watha	Mrs. Joe L. Kelly	Watha	15	22.57	2.20	1.50								26.27
Well's Chapel	Mrs. Orien DeVane	Willard	25	264.30	5.75									270.05
Willard	Miss Mary L. Powers	Wallace	19		18.40	23.25	15.00	15.00	10.00	5.00	3.50	3.50		93.65
Wilmington—First	Mrs. A. M. Alderman	Wilmington	120	1,167.53	314.92			148.47						1,630.92
Winter Park	Mrs. C. S. Lewis	Wilmington, R. 2	20		101.20	57.85	62.35	10.00			41.50			272.90
Y. W. A. & G. A.														
Burgaw—G. A.	Miss Sallie Harrell	Burgaw	10	19.62	2.50									22.12
Jacksonville—G. A.	Miss Annie T. Hinton	Jacksonville	8	45.00										45.00
Wallace—G. A.	Miss Thelma Ellers	Wallace	15		1.35	6.50								7.85
Wilmington, 1st—YWA	Miss Cornelia Brady	Wilmington	20	673.79	76.65									750.44
Winter Park—Y. W. A.	Miss Lena Middleton	Wilmington	14		16.98	31.00	47.55	5.00			23.20			123.73
Sunbeams.														
Bethlehem	Miss Ida Anderson	Currie	29	9.05	3.15	2.75								14.95
Burgaw	Mrs. Chas. LaNier	Burgaw	24	5.87		3.11								8.98
Canetuck	Miss Cornelia Pridgen	Currie	20	2.80	4.20		7.00							14.00
Jacksonville	Mrs. A. G. Walton	Jacksonville	21	97.15	5.91									103.06
Riverside	Mrs. J. M. Bowden	Burgaw	15				.65							.65
Southside	Mrs. J. C. Anderson	Wilmington	15	16.25	1.15									17.40
Wallace	Mrs. Charlie Moore	Wallace	15	14.60	29.55	6.65					1.60			52.40
Watha	Mrs. Annie Brice	Watha	20	11.00										11.00
Wilmington, 1st	Miss Arline Stanland	Wilmington	36	16.80										16.80
Winter Park	Mrs. H. O. Thomas	Wilmington	25		3.08	1.50	7.18				2.50			14.26
Royal Ambassadors.														
Burgaw	Mrs. W. C. Dicksey	Burgaw	14	13.91										13.91
Winter Park	Mrs. D. H. Maultsby	Wilmington	15		2.00	3.00	5.00				2.50			12.50
Total			841	$4,607.76	$763.55	$287.05	$482.03	$178.47	$252.84	$5.00	$90.05	$3.50	$20.35	$6,690.60

*Emma's Chapel reported one quarter, then withdrew from Association.

HISTORICAL TABLE OF WILMINGTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORGANIZATION.

Date	Place of Meeting	Moderator	Clerk	Annual Sermon
1901	Burgaw	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	
1902	Long Creek	J. T. Bland	C. D. Weeks	J. A. Smith.
1903	Bethlehem	J. T. Bland	Addison Hewlett	J. L. Vipperman.
1904	Well's Chapel	J. T. Bland	George E. Leftwich	C. H. Utley.
1905	Teacheys	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. A. McKaughan.
1906	Wilmington (Calvary)	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	W. W. Hamilton.
1907	Jacksonville	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	Fred D. Hale.
1908	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	C. F. Whitlock.
1909	Atkinson	G. A. Martin	C. E. McCullen	W. L. Britt.
1910	Willard	George E. Leftwich	C. E. McCullen	J. H. Foster.
1911	Emma's Chapel	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	R. E. Peele.
1912	Burgaw	George E. Leftwich	S. F. Garrison	W. G. Hall.
1913	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	S. F. Garrison	J. A. Sullivan.
1914	Jacksonville	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	C. V. Brooks.
1915	Long Creek	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	O. N. Marshall.
1916	Wallace	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	W. G. Hall.
1917	Riverside	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	J. J. Hurt.
1918	Wrightsboro	George E. Leftwich	J. A. Sullivan	
1919	Bethlehem	W. G. Hall	J. A. Sullivan	
1920	Teacheys	W. G. Hall	J. W. Hollis	Odis B. Hinnant.